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POSTAL INSPECTOR FOILS PLAN OF "QUEER" PASSERS

BANK NOTE SWINDLERS

H. J. Wells and Others Threaten Life of George Wellsley, Important Witness in Prosecution of the Ring of Thieves.

Upon evidence to show that there was a well-organized movement on foot to kidnap George Wellsley, an 18-year-old boy, now at the Good Samaritan hospital, because of the fact that he is the most important witness for the government against R. H. Wells and others, now in the county jail on a charge of using the mails to defraud, an important witness warrant was issued by Judge Wolverson this morning and Wellsley was taken into custody by the United States marshal.

Wells, J. N. Saylor and Frank Carviness were arrested two weeks ago by the local police on suspicion of having been responsible for certain defunct state bank notes which had been passed on many Portland persons and circulated generally.

Wellsley, for whom the warrant was issued this morning at the request of United States District Attorney W. C. Bristol, and E. C. Clement, postal inspector, was formerly associated with one of the gang, now in jail.

In Fear for Life. That Wellsley is without funds; that he was in fear for his life, and that he had been threatened if he should appear to testify against the defendants, are some of the charges which were set forth by Clement this morning in his testimony before Judge Wolverson as to why the witness warrant should be issued.

Clement stated further that while Wellsley was really sick, he had evidence in his possession which led the inspector to believe that certain friends of the men in jail were concocting a scheme to get Wellsley out of the country as soon as possible.

Clement has found that the prisoners held for passing the worthless notes are desperate men. Two of them served time in the penitentiaries. At the time of their arrest one of the men had in his possession high-grade firearms. Clement also has proof that one of the members of the gang threatened Wellsley's life.

Wellsley had already been subpoenaed to appear at the arraignment of the men before the United States commissioner. This hearing was postponed last week at the request of the several attorneys representing the defendants. It was also brought out before the court this morning that from evidence gathered by the Portland detectives and inspectors and United States secret agents, that there was an organized movement on hand among the friends of the prisoners to get Wellsley away from the hospital before the hearing, and either take him from here or force him to leave this part of the country.

Came From Minnesota. Wellsley is from Minnesota and came to Portland only a short time before he was compelled to go to a hospital suffering with an abscess on one of his hips.

Wellsley's condition is such this afternoon that he can be taken from the hospital without endangering his health, and he will be removed to the county jail to be held until the hearing of the men March 2.

In his request for the important witness warrant, Mr. Bristol stated to the court that the men had been using the mails to bring great numbers of defunct bank notes to the city and that they had been passing any of the defunct bank notes to the unsuspecting public. He also said that the hearing of the defendants had been postponed at the request of the defense, and to the fact that evidence had been collected to show that Wellsley was in danger of being taken away, he would like the court to take action in the matter.

Wellsley has never been connected with the case further than as a witness for the government. He was well acquainted with one of the men under arrest and so far as it is known was not implicated in passing any of the defunct bills.

From the boy's statements to Postal Inspector Clement, telling of his fears of being killed and his other dealings with the defendants, he created the impression among the officials that he has never been in any serious trouble before.

WARSHIPS AT MANILA ORDERED TO PREPARE FOR LONG VOYAGE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Manila, Feb. 27.—A secret order has been received here that all ships on this station must be equipped and prepared at once for protracted service. Protracted service means three months at sea. This may mean extensive maneuvers with ships coming out from the United States.

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Who is the Senatorial Candidate of the Machine?

BEGIN WAR ON ANARCHISTS

Pick of Chicago Detective Bureau Detailed to Locate the Den of the Bombtossers—All Reds in the City Will Be Gathered In.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Feb. 27.—Anarchists must flee from Chicago or fall into the hands of the police. Chief of Police Shippy has listened to the warning of Chancellor E. M. Dunne of the Chicago archdiocese, that an assassination similar to the one of which Father Heinrichs of Denver was the victim last Sunday, may be repeated in Chicago at any time.

GLADYS ORDERS TWO MORE MILLIONS FOR HER COUNT "SNEEZKY"

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Feb. 27.—Two millions of the Vanderbilt fortune will be sent to Hungary for Countess Szechenyi, formerly Gladys Vanderbilt, who recently married Count Szechenyi. Attorneys representing the countess have applied to Comptroller Metz for a transfer of that amount in city bonds, which were left to her by her father.

CHICAGO MAKES BIG SUM FROM VISITORS

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With the Red Boy and Bonanza cooperating and producing as of old, it would not be long before returning prosperity would come to upper mining camps and a stampede from Nevada take place.

PLAN DEATH OF DIRECT PRIMARY

Republican Machine Lays Scheme to Kill Oregon's Popular Law and Defraud the People of Their Right to Rule.

Old Corruption-Saturated Method of Electing Senators and Giving Office to One Who Pays Most Is Object Sought.

Republican machinists of Multnomah county and throughout the state are plotting the overthrow of the direct primary nominating law, disregard any recommendation of the people given at the June election, swing behind some dark horse candidate for the United States senate at the legislature next January and elect him by the old time method and with the old-time manipulations.

Enough of this has been admitted by some of the leaders of the Hodson-Balley-Beach combination in Portland in their search for candidates to fill out their legislative slate to make apparent what the scheme is and what the result will be if plans carry.

In holding up their inducement of expected success at the primaries to those men whom they wish to make the race, these leaders say that they have the county employes and the city employes, or most of them, in hand, and that their votes and influence alone will make the state successful at the primaries.

They say that some "big man" is needed in the race for the United States senate, and that it is the desire of the machine to put him forward at the proper time.

Wool for the Eyes. They explain why the "big man" does not come out in the open and make a fight for the nomination before the primaries and under the primary laws by the argument that a "man of sufficient caliber for the position of United States senator does not want to go begging the people for nomination and election. A United States senator should not be put in the position of pleading with the people for election, but should allow his name to go before the legislature in a dignified manner, as is done in other

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Abe Hummel in Convict Uniform



Picture of Abe Hummel, taken last week for Hearst newspapers. Hummel is much interested in C. W. Morse and his troubles—but Hummel has troubles of his own.

RETAILERS DENY ANY COMBINE

Only Wholesale Furniture Firms, They Say, Have an Agreement Not to Sell to Catalogue Houses—Matter Is Open Secret.

Rule Applies Also to Auction Houses to Prevent Losses to Permanent Dealers—Cost Price Agreement Has Been Annulled.

"In no way is there any kind of a combination between the furniture dealers in Portland," said Philip Gevurtz in an interview today. "and those who accuse us of having any agreement with other dealers in Portland make their assertion absolutely without foundation. The furniture men in Portland are today selling below cost in order to keep their employes in the hope that business will improve. The only semblance of a combina-



Incompatibility of temper has led to the separation of Rear-Admiral Nicoll Ludlow, U. S. N., retired, and his wife, a sister of the wife of Admiral Dewey. Mrs. Ludlow objected to living in the country, where the old sea-dog desired to spend the remainder of his days. The historic Ludlow mansion on Long Island, which has been occupied by the Ludlow family for many generations, has been purchased by Mrs. Ludlow, and probably will be sold, passing out of the family, to which the family has been long owners, under a grant by Charles II of England. Picture shows Admiral Ludlow in uniform and below is a picture of the old Ludlow home at Oakdale, Long Island.

tion is an agreement between the two wholesale houses in this city not to sell to catalogue houses and that agreement is one entered into by every reputable jobbing house in these days where the catalogue houses are threatening to ruin the dealers in the cities as well as in the small towns.

"Such an agreement is known to exist by all the authorities that know anything about the jobbing business. No attempt has ever been made to conceal it. It is common with the hardware and implement trade, in fact, every trade. I can show you the letterheads of any reputable furniture house and it is conspicuously printed thereon 'we do not sell to catalogue houses.'"

"The reason why this rule had to be made is simple. The catalogue house and the auction house comes in the same category, does not carry a stock. They take no risks, but buy when they receive orders. They are satisfied with making a profit of 5 per cent, for instance. They have no large sales force to pay, no large rents and they can ruin the dealer in the town from where their orders are received in a short time. Now the jobbers have learned that the dealers favor those companies that do not sell to catalogue houses and have made it a rule not to sell to catalogue or auction houses.

"Now you can see from where this great row-wow against the formidable furniture trust comes. It is from the catalogue and auction houses purely. Ever since they made the dealers in Portland have been fighting tooth and nail to get business from one another, and they will all tell you that they have sold at cost and even below cost. I believe that next to the banks the

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MINER MAKES ANNUAL PROPOSAL TO OREGON GOVERNOR'S TYPIST

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Feb. 27.—Bohemia Sharpe, as the old miner is known in Lane county, has been paying his annual visit to the state capital. He makes a formal call on the governor, and each year when he comes around has tales of new discov-

ADMIRAL DEWEY'S SISTER-IN-LAW SEEKS DIVORCE



IN SHADOW OF TEDDY'S STICK

Strange Coincident Develops Political Situation—Chinese Escape Marshal.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Feb. 27.—Is Senator Joseph Benton Foraker's brother a Taft man, or is the president less black than Senator Foraker, presidential aspirant, has painted him?

The escape at Third and Townsend streets on Tuesday of four Chinese who were being brought here from Texas for deportation throws the searchlight of publicity upon a political incongruity.

The United States marshal for Texas who was in charge of the Chinese is Creighton M. Foraker, brother of the senator, who has opposed Roosevelt's nomination for the office of United States marshal in Ohio, New York and other states on the ground that the president has an alleged bad habit of appointing none but Taft men to office.

The president must have overlooked his hand in Texas, for it is not supposable that Marshal Foraker is a traitor to Senator Foraker, the latter having obtained the appointment for the former. But, anyway, the Chinese escaped, and the marshal may have to do some explaining to the president.

Will he engage his brother as emissary? There were 26 Chinese in the party and they were slated to go back to China on the Korea, having been caught trying to sneak over the Mexican border.

While the prisoners were being taken from a car in the dark at the Third and Townsend street depot, seven of them under the personal charge of Foraker, made a sudden break for liberty. Three were recaptured but the federal authorities have been unable to locate the others.

The Southern Pacific is under bonds of \$500 for the safe delivery of each Chinese.

SAYS JUDAS WAS NOT BETRAVER

Rabbi Browne Says Apostle Peter Sold His Master to Enemies.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Norfolk, W. Va., Feb. 27.—The Rev. Dr. Edward Browne, the distinguished Jewish rabbi of New York, in a lecture before the Jefferson society of Norfolk, created a religious sensation by the allegation that it was not Judas, but the apostle Peter, who betrayed the Savior.

Dr. Browne, in an elaborate discourse on the subject of whether or not Judas was crucified by the Jews, undertook to prove to his audience the fallacy of the doctrine that Judas sold his Master to his enemies.

Sharpe is now in the 70s, but still follows prospecting. Bohemia left today for his home in the mountains, 25 miles from Cottage Grove.