MOROCCO IN SPIES HANDS

French Sleuths Prevent News of Actual Conditions From Reaching World—Arab Journalist Held in Jail Without Bail.

London, Feb. 29.—The truth about the ternal state of Morocco has never yet en allowed to reach the outside world, r the reason that the country is in e hands of French spies, who con- ict an elaborate espionage on the ork of newspaper correspondents and kercise a censorship stricter than kisted in Russia under the most re- ctionary regime.

Remarkable revelations as to the ethods of the French authorities are ade by a journalist who has recently turned from Morocco. He writes:

"The whole country is crowded with bies in the French service. They are rabic-speaking French, Jews, Tunisian abs and Syrians, and are got up in very imaginable form of disguise, and pend their time spying on everything d everybody. The last time I was in orocco I heard some very curious ories on the very high-handed pro- edings of the French authorities in gard to newspaper correspondents. one of the latter wrote true but very nsational reports for the European pers. They were surprised to find at their letters never reached their stinations, no matter which of the ur foreign postoffices they were posted , and that a few days after sending ese letters they were favored with an fficial dispatch from one or other of e 14 legations in Tangiers, requesting em to call. They were then asked dless questions about why they were Morocco, what their occupation was, hen they expected to be able to leave, c., the interview winding up with the nnouncement that information had en laid before the council of ambas- dors (or ministers) to the effect at they had been writing false reports out the political position of affairs, hich could not be permitted.

"Two Frenchmen, who were invited call at one of the small legations, ok matters with a high hand and said at they would report this unwar- nted interference with their private fairs, pointing out that they repre- nted high-class French daily papers. e result was that within an hour of e first interview a most polite young tache from the French legation called on them at their hotel with the ench minister's compliments, and nded them two first-class tickets for e French steamer sailing at 4 o'clock at afternoon for Marseilles, and re- esting them not to fail to be on the eamer an hour before sailing time, his excellency would be forced to nd a legation guard to accompany em on board. Of course they went. hers were requested, to wind up their siness without delay and to leave e country—which they did. They had, course, been writing against the ench government's policy.

"A most influential and highly con- cted Arab journalist from Tunis, went Morocco some 18 months ago. He nt down to Fez and saw all the tables. He was shadowed by spies in e French pay the whole journey. He bsequently wrote strongly anti-French ticles in his Arabic papers in Al- ers and Tunis, and also in the Egypt- n-Arabic press. When he had been ck in Tangier a couple of weeks, he companied some Algieran friends on French steamer sailing for Oran. He as recognized on board by two spies the French service and was arrested the spot, landed from the steamer Oran and sent by the first train Laghouar, in the Sahara. He is ere yet, and notwithstanding his eat influence, he has never been ought to trial nor has any official port ever been made about him."

YEGGMEN AS DETECTIVES

Government Uses Unusual Method to Run Down Postoffice Robbers—Gang Takes Revenge on Informers—Death or Prison.

Washington, Feb. 29—The United States government employs in its service professional yeggmen.

This statement was made by Chief Post Office Inspector Frank E. McMillin, to a subcommittee of the house committee on postoffices and post roads. It was so astonishing and so likely to lead to criticism of the government that the subcommittee decided to strike it out of the record and say nothing about it. For three weeks the members kept the secret.

The subcommittee was going over items in the postoffice appropriation bill, which was being explained by Chief Inspector McMillin. An item of $5,000 under the head of "depredations" was reached, and he told the subcommittee that this covered losses by robberies in postoffices.

"Mr. McMillin," said a member of the subcommittee, "is any portion of this $5,000 to be used for buying evidence against robbers?"

"It is," replied the chief inspector.

"In what way is this evidence secured?"

"In hiring professional yeggmen and safeblowers to join yegg gangs and peach on their accomplices whenever a postoffice is robbed."

The committee wanted to know whether the money was expended in bribing men who had actually committed robberies to peach on their pals, McMillin replied that it was not; that the men were regularly employed by the government and allied themselves to the yegg gangs by order of the postoffice department.

"Are they professional yeggmen at the time they are hired?" he was asked.

"They are," said the chief inspector.

Government System.

When interviewed for The Journal tonight, Mr. McMillin said:

"I am sorry that our plan to catch postoffice thieves must be made public, but that is one of the penalties of the government system. Here we are asking for an appropriation to push an entirely secret work, but in order to get the money we must make public announcement of our purpose.

"However, under the circumstances I will say that we have used, do use and hope to continue to use safebreakers of the country class as our allies. They are known among themselves and to the officers of the law as yeggmen. They look like tramps and travel like tramps.

"It is practically impossible for an officer of the law to mingle with these men without discovery. They have their own language, which no one could master without mingling with them for at least a year, and the language of any outsider would betray him immediately.

"These men work through the country six months of the year, and when the heavy weather comes on they flock to the large cities. There is a place on the bowery—but that is a matter for the New York police."

"How do you secure these men?"

"We buy them, or their services, just as you would buy the services of a bookkeeper. And they take desperate chances, as they must mingle with their comrades, tell us of a raid that is to be made, and then be a part of the yeggman party when our men arrive to make the arrests. Usually there is shooting. Of course, none of our men hurts a spy if he can help it, but it has been our experience that the yeggmen crowd suspects the right individual when the raid takes place, and it is an easy matter to shoot a man and have it appear he was shot by the officers.

Death or Prison.

"This happened in two Missouri postoffice robberies, though I do not know that it ever became known publicly that the men killed were in government employ. They take their chances on that, and also on going to the penitentiary, if they are taken. We, of course, cannot promise immunity. Still, we can tell the district attorney the facts, and usually he sees the necessity for the employment of these men."

"Where do you get the men?"

"The jails are full of them. Some of them are men who will accept the employment just to get out of jail. Others desire sincerely to reform, and are not too particular how they do it. Others are what we know, not as real crooks, but as dare devils—men who have gone into the business only to make money."

Republican Candidate for County Coroner

Dr. Ben L. Norden, candidate for Republican nomination for county coroner, is a native son of Oregon having been born in Portland in 1878. Dr. Norden received his education in this city; graduated from the Portland High school in 1897, and later received his medical degree from the medical department of the University of Oregon. Dr. Norden has attended clinics in New York city and served as resident surgeon at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland. Dr. Norden is an active member of the local lodge of Elks and many other fraternal organizations. He has been an active Republican for many years, having been elected precinct committeeman several times. In the Republican convention held in the Empire theatre in 1904 he made a nominating speech for Charles E. McDonnell for sheriff. Dr. Norden is a man of clean principles and has an irreproachable character and will cause to have printed on the ballots following his name: "I will thoroughly and impartially investigate all deaths occurring from a violent or suspicious cause."

SNEEZERS SNEEZE "KERCHEW" AND CUT-UPS LAUGHS HE HE, HA HA

"Kerchew," which is a new instrument of torture made expressly for village cut-ups, has reached Portland and has already left in its trail several hundred thousand artificially-cultured sneezes and enough trouble to last the devotees of lower education well over into the summer months.

For those who haven't examined "kerchew" with their olfactory nerves on the cars or in theatres, it might be explained that it is fine dark powder, something like snuff, only much worse and much more easily dispersed. This should be taken in a small vial, and after school, when everyone has gone and the janitor has finished sweeping the rooms, should be carefully and judicially scattered here and there where it will do the most good. It is especially commended for dispersal near the platform where the draught made by passing classes will fan it into the air and up to the olfactory nerve.

Fifteen of the very funniest boys in the east side high school are implicated in spreading it in Mr. Dodson's class rooms last week, and they are now up for suspension. Principal Herdman has taken the matter in hand and is investigating.

Students at west side high joined in the merry sport and attempted to break up the graduating exercises of the February class a few days since by scattering "kerchew" from the balcony down upon the heads of the other pupils. They, too, are under investigation.

When they heard that the public school pupils were having such a college-boy time of it the business college boys took up the plan. It was a little old and out of date by that time, but they went at it with a goodly will and succeeded in breaking up one of the shorthand and bookkeeping sessions. The head of the school has a $25 reward out for the conviction of the offenders.

It is said that the correspondence school students have arranged to send it to one another through the mails and to scatter a whole lot through examination papers that go back to Scranton, Pennsylvania, to be marked by the faculty. More youthful pranks with "kerchew" as the basis are being planned and the craze is said to be spreading.

TEN DOLLARS PER PLATE TOO MUCH FOR FUNSTON

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Feb. 29.—The Oakland chamber of commerce gave a banquet to Wu Ting Fang tonight, but the affair lacked much of the distinction which it might have had if some of the most desired guests had not balked at the idea of acceding to the request for $10 a plate which accompanied their invitations.

Frank Leach Jr. president of the Oakland chamber of commerce, said tonight that a ticket informing General Frederick A. Funston the dinner would cost him $10 had slipped into the envelope containing his invitation by mistake. Also, he said, it was by the same mistake that the same $10 a plate ticket had slipped into the envelopes that conveyed invitations to Commandant Phelps of Mare Island, Chief Justice Beatty and several others whose presence was expected to lend luster to the function.

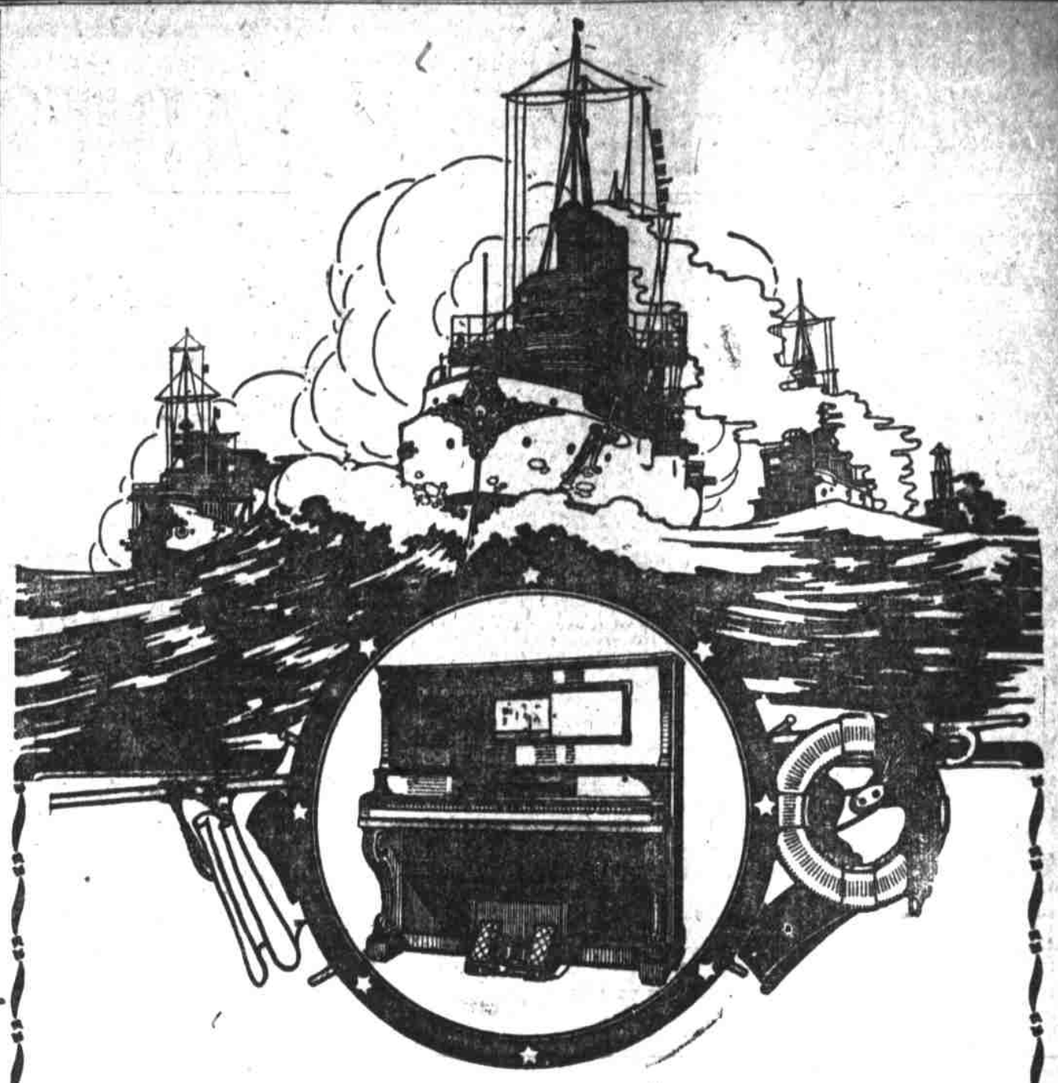
It was a costly mistake, for scarcely any of the distinguished guests expected from San Francisco sat down at the banquet tables in St. Marks hotel, across the bay.

CONDUCTOR INJURED IN WRECK AT TOLEDO

Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 29.—While running at an excessive rate of speed on a siding five miles south of Monroe, Michigan, an interurban car of the Detroit, Toledo & Monroe electric line rolled over twice down a 15-foot embankment, fatally injuring Conductor Leo Cooley of Toledo and endangering the lives of 25 passengers.

The car took the siding which crosses Otter creek on a trestle, at a rate of speed approximating 50 miles an hour, according to several of the passengers. As the car was crossing the stream it suddenly left the rails and ran on the trestle. It was barely clear of the stream when it suddenly tilted and rolled down the embankment.

The car was reduced to a mass of wreckage and it was a miracle that many were not killed.



26 PIANOLA PIANOS On the Battleship Squadron

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ORR TO BOOST FOR FAIR ROSE CITY

London Writer Sees Many Things Out of Ordinary in Export Trade.

Portland as viewed by an American, now a resident of England, is to be written up for the British-Colonial Press association, of London, which organization has 460 newspapers on its list in all parts of England, Ireland, and other countries of Europe.

W. Buell Orr, general manager of the association, who is on his way home after a trip around the world covering nearly two years, arrived at the Hotel Portland last night, to remain all of this week.

Mr. Orr left London during the fall of 1906. During his travels he has visited Africa, India, Australia, the Straight Settlements, the Hawaiian Islands, British Columbia, and various other places. In most of the important cities of the world the British-Colonial Press Association has representatives and the purpose of Mr. Orr's trip was to visit these men and to inspect the countries which are covered by his association. But incidentally the fact may be mentioned that Mr. Orr is particularly fond of travel and spends most of his time going rrom one country to another, combining business with pleasure.

Trade Will Double.

Mr. Orr will write up Portland for his association from the standpoint of its prospects for the future, with particular reference to the trade outlook. From his inspection of the northwest Mr. Orr believes that the export business of these states will be considerably more than doubled during the next few years.

The writer was formerly connected with the New York Tribune and during 1904 was in Portland, having been sent here to write up the country. Years ago Mr. Orr also worked on the Chicago Chronicle, now out of existence, and other great American dailies. Seven years ago he went to London, made good, and has made his headquarters there ever since.

"I have been in most of the countries of the world, and the first time I was ever approached for an alien tax was just the other day when I came into the states on a train from Vancouver, British Columbia," Mr. Orr said last night.

"But I am not kicking—I didn't pay the tax. Asked where I was from and numerous other questions by the immigration officer, I told him London. Then he politely informed me what he was after. And then I politely told him that I had been born in New York, which is true. That settled the question. But I am thankful for being an American for more reasons than being able to avoid the head tax now in effect.

"But why isn't the alien tax a good idea? It gives employment to men, only amounts to $4, a drop in the bucket to most foreigners who come over here, and besides it gives the visitors something to talk about. However, I never heard of such a tax in other countries."

Mr. Orr came to Portland from Vancouver, where he landed just a few days ago from a steamship which brought him from Australia. From Portland he goes to San Francisco, thence returning to British Columbia and then across the continent on his way home.

The first annual report of the Massachusetts state free employment offices, covering the 12 months ending December 1 last, shows that during that period 14,480 positions were filled through the Boston office, free of cost to employers and employes.

O RESIGN IF RUM MONEY IS ACCEPTED

reacher Will Quit Charity Board if Saloon Donation Goes Through.

Pawtucket, R. I., Feb. 29.—Declaring at a $200 check offered by the Saloon- epers' association to the Associated harities for the benefit of the un- mployed is tainted money, the Rev. arion Law asserted today that if the nation were accepted he would resign om the charity board.

"If the saloonkeepers wish to help the oor," says the rector of St. Paul's urch, "let them cease the business of anufacturing poverty. There may be ose who will say that in the present stress no distinction should be made, t this is mere sophistry."

The letter caused a furore among the ergy of the city, many of whom took sue with the Rev. Mr. Law. There e thousands of persons out of em- oyment in Pawtucket, and it is held many that aid is imperative, regard- ss of its source.

One of the first fruits of the railway settlement in England is the action of the Midland Railway company's order relating to Sunday duty. In a certain limited sense a six-day week is established; the grades required to work seven days a week are to receive extra pay for Sunday duty.

ERNHARDT IN ROW OVER TWO "FAUSTS"

ne Written by Rostrand, Other by Bataille, and Both Plays Are Owned by Her.

Paris, Feb. 25.—Sarah Bernhardt is w in the peculiar position of having o "Fausts" on her hands. Resort the law courts probably will be cessary to get the matter straight- ed out.

About 10 years ago M. Rostand arted to write a drama based on oethe's masterpiece, and Bernhardt omised to produce it as soon as it was ished. The work hung fire so long, wever, that even Rostand's friends rrendered all hope of ever seeing it ished.

In the meantime another "Faust" as written by Henry Bataille. Mme. rnhardt, who had pined for a quarter a century to appear in the role of Faust, immediately secured the hts in the new piece and began eparations for its production.

She even had the author modify the incipal role so as to give it still eater prominence. Magnificent scen- y and costumes were ordered, and it as intended to give the first perform- ce early in the spring.

In the midst of the preparations, M. ostand suddenly announced that his vn "Faust" finally was completed, and ggested to Bernhardt that she keep r promise given 10 years before. Bernhardt, it is said, was so delighted having a chance to produce a new ostand play that she abruptly in- rmed M. Baltaille his "Faust" would ve to wait.

Bataille says he will not wait. At esent neither side is yielding.

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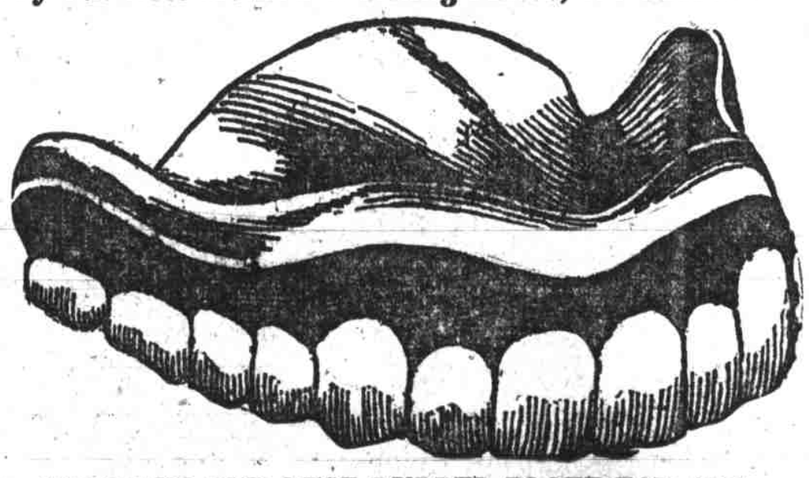

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