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JOURNAL CIRCULATION

YESTERDAY WAS

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BANK AFFAIRS MUST BE AIDED IN COURT

HELD FOR TRIAL BY CLELAND

Judge Overrules Motions by Defense in Title Guarantee Cases to Quash Proceedings—Manning and McCamant Clash.

Ross, Burkhardt and Aitchison Must Answer for Alleged Misappropriation of Bank Funds—No Arguments Submitted.

Presiding Judge Cleland in the circuit court this morning overruled motions to quash in the three cases of J. Thorburn Ross, T. T. Burkhardt and John E. Aitchison in which they are accused of misusing the funds of the Title Guarantee & Trust company.

No argument was made on the motions, as they involved the same points previously ruled upon by Judge Cleland in the cases to which demurrers were afterward sustained. Wallace McCamant, attorney for Ross, and Harrison Allen, representing the other defendants, gave notice of intention to file new demurrers and McCamant had a lively clash with District Attorney Manning, in which Manning hotly charged that the attorneys for the defendants are frittering away time, and McCamant asserted that he intended to take advantage of all the protection for his clients that the law afforded.

The clash came after the motions to quash had been overruled and McCamant had asked that the defendants be allowed until next Wednesday to plead or demur. He explained that between now and Wednesday he has important business in Hillsboro.

Mr. Manning objected and suggested that Mr. Allen can be present Monday to

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NEW YORK LEADERS THINK TAFT WILL BE NOMINATED



SECRETARY OF WAR TAFT, WHO WILL PROBABLY RECEIVE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT.

New York, March 14.—Republican leaders, including Hughes men, practically concede that Taft will receive the nomination for president.

HINDUS NOT ALLOWED TO LAND IN ALASKA

(United Press Leased Wire.) Juneau, Alaska, March 14.—Mayor Forrest has received advices from a deputy marshal at Wrangell that 20 Hindus are aboard the Cottage City, bound here. The Wrangell people formed a committee which declined to permit the Hindus to land when they reached there. Douglas Island has already sent word that the men are not to be allowed to go ashore there. The citizens declare the men cannot come to Juneau.

HOUSE AIDS LAND CASES

Will Recommend Passage of Senate Resolution Directing Department of Justice to Institute Proceedings in Oregon Railroad Grants Matter.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, March 14.—It now seems certain that the house committee on public lands will recommend the passage of the senate resolution directing the department of justice to recover lands in Oregon from the Southern Pacific railroad.

THE SUNDAY JOURNAL

Don't Miss These Features:
WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, THEN AND NOW—This great American statesman's views of the country's progress and its future.
WILL FRIGHT MAKE PEACE?—Terrors of war under modern conditions may force all nations to foreswear fighting.
MUSIC OF THE ANIMAL WORLD—Voices differing, not merely in expression but in tone as well.
CARING FOR THE ORPHANS—St. Mary's Home, where friendless youngsters are reared to become useful American citizens.
WHY EAT BREAD?—Some questions and answers by a learned man who has studied food.
WIELDING A BIG STICK—Senators and congressmen not free to expatiate in congress. Power of speaker of the house of representatives.
TITLED WOMAN'S BIG CHARITY—Tired of running philanthropic ventures at a loss, Lady Hope builds huge hotel to house two residential clubs for men.
PRINCE OF WALES RESIGNS—Post which has been mere sinecure for years will be made useful by successor to royal office-holder.
ONLY "LADY BARBERS" IN LONDON—Eschew subject of the weather in attempt to amuse patrons of their shop.
CONGO ATROCITIES OUTDONE IN EUROPE—Unfortunate Macedonia is given over to murder and rapine.
THE PIROUETTING PEERESS—England has new sensation with Lady Stewart numbering ballet dancing among her many accomplishments.
DOES WOMAN'S VANITY EVER WANE?—Observant daughter of great Italian scientist declares it is ruling passion of whole life.
THE COMIC SUPPLEMENT—Further adventures of Happy Hooligan, his noble relative and the sailor, Jimmy, Val, Doty, the Giddy Goblins and a score of other bright features make this the greatest magazine of the kind published in the west.
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SQUADRON DISPATCHED

Vessels Under Secret Orders, but It Is Believed That They Will Seize the Captured Steamer Tatsu Maru.

Pekin, March 14.—China has agreed to release the Japanese steamer Tatsu Maru. The decision was reached after an extensive session of the foreign board today during which every feature of the case was reviewed.

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, March 14.—China today dealt Japan another figurative slap in the face by notifying the mikado's government that she would not recognize the transfer to Japan of the shore rights recently granted the Great Northern Company, a Danish telegraph and cable company.

Japanese statesmen are said to be in a boiling rage over the affair and complications are regarded as certain. The trouble is over the Shanghai-Nagasaki cable. Recently Japan completed arrangements to take over the shore rights and privileges granted the Danish corporation. This would have given her control of both ends of the cable. When the Peking government heard of this it notified the Great Northern company that the transfer would not be sanctioned.

Hongkong, March 14.—Japan is making definite preparations to effect the release of the steamer Tatsu Maru, which was seized by the Chinese government, by force, and a squadron of the mikado's biggest cruisers and a number of smaller fighting vessels are about to start for Macao.

A dispatch received today via Formosa, says that a Japanese squadron is about to sail on a secret mission under sealed orders. In this squadron are the cruisers Yakumo, Asama and Akitsushima, and a flotilla composed of torpedo boats and other small craft of this type.

The announcement has caused intense excitement in the official circles of Hongkong, and the government at Peking has bestirred itself more than at any time since the trouble over the Tatsu Maru first broke out. It feels that Japan is about to make the attack that it threatened to make in the event that the Chinese failed to indicate that they intended to release the steamer.

While there is no means of learning the destination of the squadron, the Chinese officials at Hongkong do not doubt that it will be bound for Macao when it receives the sailing orders that have already been prepared.

NEW BATTLESHIPS ADDED TO NAVY

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, March 14.—The first battleship added to the navy since the departure of the fleet was placed in commission at the League Island navy yard today. She is the New Hampshire and will be commanded by Captain Cameron McRae Winslow.

Cockran to Join "Down and Outs"

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, March 14.—"The down and outs for Bourke Cockran," the word being passed down the line today by the Tammany regulars, following the displacement of the famous orator in all of the positions of honor he has held in "The Wigwag."

The action of the general committee in taking from Cockran the two remaining honors he has held, the chairmanship of the committee on speakers and on legislation, is construed to mean that he has been shelved and will not be returned to congress.

COUNCIL PRIMES GUN FOR MAYOR

Plan to Attack Executive for Not Enforcing Home Telephone Co.'s Franchise Which Provides for Fire and Police Alarm.

Mayor Lane in Answer Shows Council Guilty of Not Enforcing Pacific States' Franchise Granted Six Years Ago.

Members of the majority party of the council have declared war against Mayor Lane for neglect of duty in not compelling the Home Telephone company to live up to the terms of its franchise which provides that it shall furnish cables and conduits for the fire and police systems of Portland. Mayor Lane answers the charges by referring to a section in the franchise of the Pacific States Telephone company, granted prior to the Home franchise, which provides that the former company shall install and maintain a telephone fire alarm system within 90 days' notice by the council.

While the terms of the Pacific States Telephone company are specific in defining who shall be responsible, the section in the franchise of the Home Telephone company, upon which the councilmen are basing their fight against the mayor, is general and does not attach the responsibility upon the mayor any more than it does on the council.

Section six of the Pacific States company's franchise reads as follows: "The rights and privileges granted by this franchise are granted only upon the conditions herein contained, and upon the following considerations, to-wit:—

"First—That if at any time during the term or continuance of this franchise the city shall so demand, the grantee shall, within 90 days' notice given by the common council, furnish equip, install, and during the entire existence and continuance of this franchise maintain and keep in first-class working order, free of charge, a telephone fire alarm system for the said city of Portland; said telephone fire alarm system to consist of a good, sufficient and reliable switchboard, to be placed in the headquarters engine-house in the said city, in which metallic circuits shall be run to the city engine-houses or fire stations and connected with the latest improved form of long-distance telephone sets.

Should the said city increase the number of engine-houses or fire stations during the existence or continuance of this franchise, the grantee shall, within 90 days' notice given by the common council, furnish equip, install, and during the entire existence and continuance of this franchise maintain and keep in first-class working order, free of charge, a telephone fire alarm system for the said city of Portland; said telephone fire alarm system to consist of a good, sufficient and reliable switchboard, to be placed in the headquarters engine-house in the said city, in which metallic circuits shall be run to the city engine-houses or fire stations and connected with the latest improved form of long-distance telephone sets.

PROMISE TACOMA SHIPS TO ORIENT

(United Press Leased Wire.) Tokyo, March 14.—It is reported here today that J. H. Hilland, third vice president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad company who has been here for several days, has completed satisfactory arrangements for steamship service between Hongkong and Japan, to which latter point the company's trains are expected to be running early next year.

The Osaka Shoshen Kaisha line, which is building six large steamers at Nagasaki, it is said has accepted a proposition that the railroad company to carry its freight to the orient.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Cal., March 14.—As another evidence of booming times in Rawhide, the new Nevada gold center, a new railroad will be running trains into the camp within four months. The road will be 23 miles long, and will connect with the Southern Pacific at some point along Walker lake. The promoting company was incorporated under West Virginia law, but the capital was raised by western capitalists.

UNCLE SAM MAY SPANK VENEZUELA

Armed Demonstration Will Be Made Against South American Republic Unless President Castro Acts Promptly on Suggestions.

Trouble Started by Failure of Country to Live Up to Promises to Meet Claims of American Asphalt Magnates.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, March 14.—President Castro of Venezuela is to be brought up with another short turn by the next move of the Washington government, according to well defined rumors in circulation about the state department. The trouble hinges on the failure of Venezuela to live up to her promise to meet the asphalt claims. Castro has fallen back on his old policy of procrastination and recent efforts of the United States to force some action have either been ignored or treated with contempt.

Senator Lodge's resolution asking that the correspondence between the United States and Castro's government be made public is expected. It is said today, to result in an armed demonstration against Venezuela unless Castro acts very promptly.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Caracas, March 14.—By a decision handed down in the Venezuelan supreme court today, the judgment of the lower tribunal's fining the New York and Bermuda Asphalt companies \$5,000,000 for their alleged aid given to the rebels in the Matos revolt is confirmed.

The attorneys for the American interest immediately gave notice of an appeal but there is little likelihood of its being granted.

Today's action is expected to complicate the situation growing out of the Americans' complaint that they are being persecuted by the Castro government.

JACKIES SEND HOME BIG BATCH OF MAIL

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Diego, Cal., March 14.—The post-office employees here are overwhelmed with mail from the battleship fleet at Magdalena Bay. Thirty huge sacks of mail arrived on the supply ship Culgoa and it is unlikely that the mountain of letters can be distributed before Sunday. The missives are destined to every part of the country.

The blue jackets of the cruiser Tennessee gave a big minstrel show at the Garrick theatre last night, netting \$800, which is to be applied to the fund for the relief of orphans and widows of the navy's heroes.

PORTLANDER KILLED BY DREAM PIPE

Percy T. Fish Found Dead in Chinese Opium Joint at Spokane—Travelled for Local Office of Novelty Company.

Dead Man Belonged to Elks and Was Popular Among Local Drummers—Employers Surprised to Learn of Slavery to Drug.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Spokane, Wash., March 14.—Percy T. Fish, traveling representative of the Novelty Manufacturing company of Portland, was found dead here this morning in a Chinese opium den. An inquest was held by the coroner, who announced that the man came to his death from the excessive use of opium.

Fish, who was a member of the Elks' lodge, was well dressed and had a considerable sum of money in his pockets. He was quite popular among the guests of the Galax hotel, where he lived, and great surprise is expressed by the men who knew him at the disclosure of his slavery to the drug habit.

Fish was formerly a resident of Spokane, but was in the employ of the Portland branch of the Novelty Manufacturing company. He had been working for the company since the first of the year and was held in the highest esteem by his employers. He had attended to his duties faithfully and proved himself a thoroughly competent salesman.

Among the traveling men and members of the Elks' lodge here Fish was very popular, spending much of his idle time among friends in this city.

TAFT BOOMERS SAY CANDIDATE GAINS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Columbus, Ohio, March 14.—Those in charge of the presidential boom of Secretary William H. Taft declared this afternoon that their candidate has gained 30 delegates to the national convention during the past week. According to their figures, the 178 delegates named this far stand 146 instructed for Taft, 25 instructed for Fairbanks and six uninstructed.

DELAWARE RAILROAD MAY PAY DIVIDEND

(United Press Leased Wire.) Norfolk, N. Y., March 14.—Federal Judge Day today vacated the temporary injunction restraining the directors of the Delaware and Hudson railway from paying the recently declared dividend.

SEEK MILLIONS FOR COAST

Fortifications Appropriation Bill Will Provide for Enormous Sum to Be Spent in New Safeguards Against Invasion From Pacific.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, March 14.—Millions of dollars for the fortification and coast defenses of the Pacific seaboard of the United States and for the Philippine islands will be carried in the fortifications appropriation bill which is now under consideration by the house committee on appropriations. A prominent member of the committee said today: "The bill will take due cognizance of the situation in the orient and on the Pacific seaboard. It will make provision for as great protection on the Pacific coast as there is now on the Atlantic coast. There will be no stint, we think, in the allowance of money made under consideration by the house committee on appropriations. A prominent member of the committee said today: "The bill will take due cognizance of the situation in the orient and on the Pacific seaboard. It will make provision for as great protection on the Pacific coast as there is now on the Atlantic coast. There will be no stint, we think, in the allowance of money made under consideration by the house committee on appropriations. A prominent member of the committee said today: "The bill will take due cognizance of the situation in the orient and on the Pacific seaboard. It will make provision for as great protection on the Pacific coast as there is now on the Atlantic coast. There will be no stint, we think, in the allowance of money made under consideration by the house committee on appropriations."

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Much has been learned by the fashion staff artists who will furnish designs and descriptions of spring styles in the issue of The Sunday Journal, March 22. The spring of 1908 opens with comparatively few radical changes, but there are many minor transformations that will produce effects that are unique. Here are some of the specialties which will be described in The Sunday Journal of March 22: Spring tailor suits, calling costumes or afternoon suits. Wraps for summer dresses. Summer girl's fluffy petticoats have been ruled against. The clinging skirt is now a necessity. Evening gowns—entirely new styles will prevail. Millinery—many changes that are considered innovations. The fashions have changed so materially that it will require a newspaper like The Sunday Journal Magazine section, March 22, to keep one up to date.