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PORTLAND PROMOTER IS ACCUSED OF HAVING SWINDLED MANY PEOPLE IN EASTERN CITIES

WASHINGTON HOME PHONE OFFICERS LEAVE CONCERN

Samuel V. Davidor Reported by Chief of Police of Milwaukee—Books of Corporation Cause Wrangle—Fiscal Agent Davidor Said to Have Shady Record. St. Johns Warned in Franchise Matter

Nearly all the officers of the Washington Home Telephone company have resigned. It is charged that Samuel V. Davidor, organizer and promoter of the corporation, has sold the entire bond issue of \$500,000 to J. A. Bloch, one of his associates in the concern, for 45 cents on the dollar, and that he has refused the secretary access to the company's books.

The president, Judge W. W. McCredie, resigned yesterday on learning some of the details of the affair. The treasurer, H. C. Phillips, president of the Vancouver bank, followed Judge McCredie's example. The secretary is Captain A. J. Meagher, with offices in the Portland Chamber of Commerce building. He said to a Journal reporter:

"My resignation has not yet gone in, and I have not finally decided upon my course of action. I have been refused access to the company's books, and there are some transactions that must be squared and some investors who must be protected. I shall go to Vancouver again today and make another demand for the books of the company. If this is refused I will then determine upon further action. I am informed that Judge McCredie has resigned as president of the company, and that Treasurer Phillips has also resigned.

"There have been transactions that I did not indorse or consent to, and my wishes have been ignored. The secretary is supposed to be an official who has charge of the company's books and papers, but I have not been permitted to have this company's books and papers. I did not like some stories I heard about Mr. Davidor, and I wrote to the chief of police of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where Davidor came from to Portland. The reply of the Milwaukee chief of police convinced me that something was wrong. Davidor has a police record at Milwaukee."

The letter received by Mr. Meagher from Chief Janssen of the Milwaukee police force was as follows:

Milwaukee, Wis., March 14, 1908.—I expected him to use the information to warn people against the man. The letter was not intended to be confidential. The chief is at liberty to publish it.

PROBE PHONE FRANCHISES

Four Councilmen Subpoenaed Before Mayor Lane's Special Committee to Tell What They Know—Executive Determined to Carry Fight to Finish.

Councilmen Bennett, Cellars, Driscoll and Dunning have been subpoenaed to appear this afternoon before Mayor Lane's special franchise committee and testify as to what they know in regard to the franchises of the Pacific States and the Home Telephone companies.

This is another victory for Mayor Lane in the fight which the majority party of the council started against the mayor some time ago when it was rumored that the council would call upon the mayor to explain why he had neglected his duty in regard to enforcing the provisions of the Home Telephone company requiring the company to provide the city with conductors for a fire and police electric systems.

Mayor Lane contended that he had neglected to perform his duty and reduced a section in the franchise of the Pacific States Telephone company passed several years earlier which compels the company to install such systems "within 90 days upon written notice of the council."

When the councilmen discovered that Mayor Lane had turned the game upon themselves they dropped their investigation in a hurry. No charges were filed against Mayor Lane and the matter apparently dropped out of sight through the controversy which arose over the ordinances asked for by the St. Wood Railway & Power company.

Previous to dropping the charges, however, the council had appointed a special franchise committee. When matters became too warm the committee was disbanded. Then Mayor Lane got up and appointed a council committee of his own consisting of Kollaber, chairman; Vaughn and Rushlight, all friends of the mayor.

Instead of letting the charges drop, however, Mayor Lane is going to put up to the councilmen to find out why they have not properly attended to their duty. The terms of the Pacific States Telephone company are even more liberal and specific than those in the Home company's franchise. They

provide that the Pacific States company shall install, equip and maintain a system for use of the city, the construction and all details provided for and the ordinance further says that the company shall comply with these terms within 90 days upon written notice of the council.

This latter point is the one that has stuck the councilmen, and they are beginning to hope that the fight would be dropped. When they started the campaign it was announced that it would be "war to the knife, and knife to the hilt." Mayor Lane and the minority party of the council picked up the contest, and this afternoon's session will show what the real outcome will be.

The specific charge upon which the majority party rested its action against the mayor was in regard to the purchase of cables for the fire department last year, amounting to \$29,900. The majority party held that it was the mayor's duty to see that the telephone company provided these cables. Despite this contention the councilmen approved the appropriation and voted the money for use of the cable.

Inasmuch as Councilman Vaughn is a member of the committee, and Councilman Driscoll is one of the majority party subpoenaed to testify, interesting details are expected to develop this afternoon.

ARE YOU A FAN?

That is, a baseball fan. If you are then you don't want to miss The Oregon Sunday Journal of April 5. One entire page of The Journal Magazine will be devoted to baseball; special articles prepared by John B. Foster, the noted expert on affairs of the diamond; also prospectus by the sporting editor of the New York Evening Telegram.

There will be other reading in The Sunday Journal that will please you, but Foster's article alone is worth the price of the paper if you are interested in baseball.

Oregon Sunday Journal Magazine, April 5th

Ambassador to Germany



This is a picture of Dr. David Jayne Hill, the noted American diplomat recently appointed ambassador to Germany, and who was said to be persona-non-grata to his imperial majesty, Wilhelm of Germany. Dr. Hill has finally been accepted by the emperor.

YANKEE GUNNERS MAKING RECORD

Wonderful Display of Marksmanship by Sailors at Magdalena Bay.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 2.—"When the results of the target practice at Magdalena are worked out, they will show better shooting than our navy has ever done before, and better, it is believed, than any previous record." Captain R. R. Ingersoll, chief of staff of Admiral Evans, who came to this city with the admiral, made this assertion today.

"I'll give you some instances," he said. "We are not supposed to give out much detailed information, but I think the American people should know something of the magnificent work the boys did. It is all due to perfect teamwork. I watched the men and I can tell you they were not supposed to give out much detailed information, but I think the American people should know something of the magnificent work the boys did."

JAPANESE FINANCIER'S GIFT TO BIG FLEET

Los Angeles, April 2.—Secretary Frank Higgins of the chamber of commerce has received a check for \$50 from U. Takekawa of the Japanese-American bank as a contribution to the fund for the silver service for the cruiser California.

ARMED MEN TO DEFEND FOREIGNERS

Powers Warn Haytians That They Cannot Arrest Refugees Without Fighting Battle—Marines Ready to Subdue Blacks.

President Alexis Executes Men Suspected of Plotting Without Giving Them a Trial—German Financier Demands Justice.

Port Au Prince, April 2.—Armed guards now fill the French legation here, and the Haytian government will remove no refugees from under the French flag without a fight.

This notice was conveyed to President Alexis today by a messenger from M. Carteron, the French consul. The guard is supposed to have been landed under cover of darkness from the French cruiser d'Estrees, which recently departed for St. Thomas with a number of refugees but which is now headed for this port again at top speed.

There was a renewed rush of refugees to the French legation today, and information which M. Carteron considers convincing, was furnished that a number of suspected anti-government plotters were shot yesterday without the formality of a court-martial.

Word has reached both M. Carteron at the French legation and Minister Furniss at the American legation that the ignorant and radical blacks are being incited to attack the whites by General Coloton.

Minister Furniss today stated that he did not believe such an attack would be made, but advised all Americans to keep off the streets, except in cases where it was necessary for them to be abroad. At his request marines on the cruiser Des Moines are being held in readiness for quick action in cases of an emergency. Marines on the German cruiser Bremen are also being held under arms.

A clash is expected hourly between President Alexis and Manager Reinbold, the head of a German financing company. Reinbold expects to keep off the streets, except in cases where it was necessary for them to be abroad. At his request marines on the cruiser Des Moines are being held in readiness for quick action in cases of an emergency. Marines on the German cruiser Bremen are also being held under arms.

President Alexis says he has a counter claim against the German capitalist and that if they press him too hard he will demand an indemnity from the Hermann company, which Reinbold represents. The recent revolt against his government.

BEER BRIBE ON ELECTION DAY

Michigan Supreme Court Rules Against Distribution of Irrigation Checks.

Detroit, Mich., April 2.—Don't accept a beer check in election time. It is a bribe. The supreme court of Michigan has so decided.

In an opinion handed down today the court held that the giving of beer checks on election day or just prior to elections is the grossest kind of bribery.

DAM SNAKE, BUT LOCKS ARE FREE

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, April 2.—The senate has passed the bill to permit the Benton Water Power company to dam the Snake river at Five Mile rapids, with the proviso that it must build locks and maintain them free, permanently. All the northwest members but Heyburn voted for the measure.

Japanese for Jockeys.

Rome, April 2.—Baron Asszetero, the well known sport, has contracted for six young Japanese to train as jockeys, on account of their superiority to Europeans in lightness and agility.

HERE IS THE PRINCE THAT MADAME ANNA GOULD LOVES



Prince Helle de Sagan, the French nobleman, who, popular reports say, is to marry Madame Anna Gould, and who is now in this country, declares that this snapshot is one of the best pictures of him ever taken.

ASSASSINS SEEK JOHN MITCHELL LIFE OF WOMAN WILL RUN PAPER

Anarchists Threaten to Kill John D. Rockefeller's Daughter. Former President of United Mineworkers Will Edit New Publication.

Chicago, April 2.—Mrs. Harold McCormick, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, today is verging on nervous breakdown, and is preparing to depart hastily from the city, as a result of a series of threatening letters received by her from anarchists who have led her to believe that her life and those of her children are in peril.

Guards have been placed about the mansion at Bellevue Place and Lake Shore drive and no stranger is permitted to enter the grounds.

As soon as possible Mrs. McCormick will leave for her father's home in Cleveland.

Fear is felt for the safety of Mrs. McCormick's children, who are with John D. Rockefeller in the south. The contents of a threatening letter received today have been kept secret by the members of the household. Mrs. McCormick, who is of a highly nervous disposition, has been badly frightened for weeks over the first letters, but today her collapse was almost complete.

Two months ago Mrs. Potter Palmer received a similar warning and since then many of the foremost homes in the fashionable quarter have maintained a watch for suspicious characters.

POPULISTS SELECT "GENERAL" COXEY TO HEAD CONVENTION

St. Louis, April 2.—"General" Jacob S. Coxey, who gained national notoriety some years ago by leading an army of tattered raiments to the White House, was chosen temporary chairman of the national Populist convention, which convened here today.

"General" Coxey begged the Populists to not fight with any other party, regardless of any promises made. The convention will adopt the party's platform late today.

YUKON GOLD LOOKS LIKE GOLD BRICK

Alaska Mining Men State Thomas W. Lawson's "Fair Finance" and Sale of Guggenheim Stock Only Sand in Public's Eyes.

Yukon Creeks Frozen So They Cannot Be Worked. People Soaked for Money Trust Lost Trying to Extract Pay Dirt.

It is an unholy combination of Thomas W. Lawson, "Fair Finance" and the Guggenheims left the public which last week fought eagerly to buy Yukon Gold at \$7.50 a share to exclaim "stung!"

That such is the opinion of Alaska mining men, J. F. Darling, who has just reached Portland from Nome, says there can be no doubt. The general opinion of the Yukon Gold situation, according to Mr. Darling, is that the Guggenheims are anxious to get back the money they have placed in the dredging outfits of the company and have decided that the easiest way of doing this is to allow the public to pay for them.

Mr. Darling is a well-known operator of Nome, and has been engaged in mining in Alaska for nine years. He is now on his way to San Francisco and while in Portland has his headquarters with Meador & Sutherland, in the Swetland building.

Yukon Creeks Frozen.

"It is well known to those in the mining business in Alaska that the Yukon creeks are frozen to bedrock all the year round in the Dawson district," said Mr. Darling. "They differ from the Nome dredging grounds in this respect. The Alaska properties of the Yukon Gold company are located on Bonanza, El Dorado, Bear and Hunter creeks. There is no doubt but that there is gold in the Yukon creeks in large quantities, but the expense of excavating the gravel and excavating the gravel in the Dawson region is so great that the profit in gold dredging on the Yukon.

"The Dawson ground, as I have said, is frozen all the year around to bedrock. It is necessary to use steam points to thaw it. The process is to have a boiler as a supply house with several feet of steam pipes running from it. The hose ends in a steel tube, about 6 or 8 feet long and sharpened at one end. The sharpened end is placed in the ground and the steam is turned on. When the ground is thawed sufficiently it can be dredged or broken up and the gravel washed for gold.

Process Extremely Costly.

"This process has been found extremely expensive, and in most cases the expense of operating the thawing plant and of excavating the gravel ends away whatever profit there is in the gold.

"It is the general opinion, as far as I can learn, that the Guggenheims are not letting the dear public in on anything that is particularly good. They never advertised the profitable prospects in the past. I think it is probably an effort to get back the money they first expended for the company, and to let Lawson help they certainly sold out their stock quickly enough."

The Yukon gold stock was placed on the market last week, following the news of advertisements by Thomas W. Lawson, saying that it was an opportunity of securing gold at 50 cents on the dollar. The public was offered 700,000 shares at from \$5 to \$25 a share. The Yukon Gold company is a part of the Guggenheim Exploration company. The advertisement said the net profits from the company should exceed \$25,000,000.

Mr. Darling made the trip over the ice from Nome in 36 days actual travel. He covered the 3,000 miles with a five-dog team, leaving Nome at the middle of December. The trip up the river was pleasant and enjoyable, with no storms and cold clear weather.

Some Gold.

For several days the temperature was 60 degrees below zero. He stopped at the log road houses along the way—they are 10 to 20 miles apart, and are run for the most part by square men. A curious feature of the square men in these road houses is that they do all the work while their Indian wives do the housework. In the summer the square men and their Indian wives are first going berrying, salmon fishing and hunting.

Funeral at The Dalles.

Special Dispatch to The Journal.—The Dalles, Or., April 2.—The funeral of James J. McInerney, who died Monday of peritonitis, was held yesterday from the Catholic church.