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ADLER'S CASE REFLECTS SPIRIT OF ANARCHY

MONEY DEMANDS MADE UPON PROMINENT PORTLAND MEN

TRAPPED BY SIG SICHEL

Foreigner Resorts to "Black Hand" Tactics — Police Will Watch All Undesirables Who Visit City—Blackmailer Arrested.

Portland police are endeavoring today to unravel the mystery of the threat made against the life of Sig Sichel, a prominent Portland merchant, by Adolph Alder, who delivered to Sichel a letter purporting to come from a nihilist organization threatening his life unless he immediately gave up \$400.

At the city prison today Alder passed through a grilling cross-examination without breaking down. He sticks stubbornly to his story that he was the domination of a nihilistic organization who compelled him to carry the intimidating letters.

Startled to discover that a group of "undesirables" had made Portland their headquarters the plainclothes men are scouring the city today in an effort to find additional evidence to back up Alder's story. In a recent report of the Federal secret service on the spread of anarchism in the United States, Portland was mentioned as one of the cities in which the Reds, driven out of the east were flocking to buy and yesterday the local police were inclined to believe that the Washington detectives were mistaken. It was thought that the main body of anarchists in the Pacific northwest were located in Seattle.

Keep Sharp Outlook. The police will continue to keep a sharp surveillance over the homes of Mr. Sichel and Ben Selling, whom Alder declared a writer on the basis of the nihilists for a request for money. Alder continues to preserve his remarkable calmness and reiterates the statement that he is glad to be in jail and so protected from the desperate men whom he asserts had him in their power.

He claims to be a journalist and writer on socialistic subjects and his Austrian passport shows that he was employed as a writer on a Socialist paper in Austria. He has traveled much in Europe and in South Africa and apparently an educated man.

STORY OF ATTEMPT TO EXTORT MONEY

A small well dressed man with black hair and blue eyes and the general appearance of a foreigner, came to the door of Sig Sichel's office in the rear of his Third street cigar establishment shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and asking for Mr. Sichel, handed a letter containing a demand for \$400 to aid in freeing the Jews from the despotism of the czar of Russia.

The letter stated that Sichel and his family would be "mercilessly executed" should he refuse to pay the \$400. "Do you mean this?" Mr. Sichel asked, eyeing the intruder.

"Yes," replied the stranger, with a calmness that was almost indifference. "Do you know what is in this letter?" "Yes."

"Do you really expect me to give you \$400?" "No," the man replied simply. "Then what do you expect?" "I expect to be taken to the police."

Further conversation brought out that the nihilist, for such he appears to be, had in his pocket a similar letter addressed to Ben Selling, the clothier.

Letter to Mr. Sichel. The Sichel letter was unsigned, and read as follows: "Portland, Or., April 15.—Dear sir: Many hundreds of Jews fought for the liberty of the Russian Jews and suffer to death in Siberia. This poor to rescue and revenge is our mission. You always pass yourself off for a representative of the Jewish population of Portland and are a rich man. You have the duty to help the poor and unfortunate. If not we do must, must take you for a traitor. We ask you now to help us and deliver to bearer \$400 in gold immediately. In case of refusal we are ready to employ means and ways to make you and family to suffer to death. The sum of \$400 does not mean anything for you but is a great help to us. It depends on you to protect you and your family from harm. As you treat us so we shall treat you. If you betray us, call the police or have done anything to harm us or the bearer you are a traitor and we will kill you."

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HENEY SAYS HE WILL NOT BOTHER FULTON; IS THROUGH WITH HIM

The following message from Francis J. Heney was received by The Journal this morning: "San Francisco, April 15.—In your issue of Tuesday last you state that friends of mine say I will return to Portland to oppose Senator Fulton's election if he secures the nomination at the primaries. Any such statement was unauthorized and unfounded. I have given what facts were in my possession to the Oregon public about Fulton and have no further interest in his election or defeat and have no intention of again repeating them in connection with his candidacy for any office. I felt that I had a public duty to perform and having performed it my task is finished. FRANCIS J. HENEY."

MRS. HOWARD GOULD AND ACTOR DUSTIN FARNUM



The divorce suit of Howard Gould has taken somewhat of a sensational term. Mr. Gould in the papers on which he claims the divorce, alleges that Mrs. Gould drank to excess and that she was infatuated with Dustin Farnum, the well-known actor. The picture is from a recent photograph of Mrs. Gould, and below is a picture of Farnum in costume.

SAYS EDUCATION CAUSES ATHEISM

Japan, declared Mott. "Over 7,000 students in the orient have been educated in Christian schools. A distinct spirit of agnosticism prevails among these students and there is danger that they may become potent foes to the further spread of Christianity in the orient."

Bison Range

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, April 15.—The senate this afternoon passed a bill establishing a permanent national bison range on the Flathead Indian reservation in Montana.

PERJURY IN FILINGS IS THE CHARGE

Settlers in the Roseburg District Protest Against Packing of Land Office Line by Men Hired for That Purpose.

Sworn Statements Have Been Made That Lands in One Township Were Not Inhabited, and Lively Contest Will Follow.

About 20 persons will be prosecuted for perjury as a result of alleged false statements sworn to in filings made upon government lands recently thrown open to settlement in the Roseburg district. Actual settlers upon the lands, backed by friends with means to carry on the fight, have formed an organization and will push the cases before the federal grand jury.

The lands in question comprise a fractional township, 34-5, containing 28 claims in Josephine county. Some of the claims are timber, and others are suitable for agricultural purposes. They were surveyed in 1892, and from that time settlers have been coming in and making improvements of a temporary character, and residing on the lands, hoping they might get a title that would justify them in making permanent improvements. The government authorities waited 15 years, and November 30, 1907, approved the survey. After this the entire tract was taken by settlers, some of whom have been residing continuously on the land for several months, and a few are said to have been living there for a year or more.

Under the land laws a squatter has a prior right over a claimant, and is allowed three months after the opening day in which to come in and make his filings on the land he has been occupying. On the day after the opening every squatter in township 34-5 found claims on the land he was occupying against his claim. These filings were made by people who swore to personal knowledge that the lands were uninhabited and contained no improvements. In some cases the squatters had packed in timber and stumps over the snow, and had built their shacks with boards and "shakes." Some of them are said to have fenced portions of their land and spent part of the winter clearing and preparing ground for cultivation. But without exception the filings made on the opening day were by persons who swore the lands were unoccupied, and it is on this point that the squatters propose to test the criminality of the proceedings.

They held a meeting at Roseburg and organized with I. W. McIlwain, of Placer, Oregon, as chairman. A subscription was taken to provide funds for starting the prosecutions. The following resolutions were adopted as the gist of their allegations: "Settlers' Resolution. 'The undersigned homestead settlers in that part of township 34 south, range 5 west of W. M. Josephine county, Oregon, who are interested in the filing at the United States land office in Roseburg, on April 14, 9 a. m. 1908, being obliged to reside upon our respective claims up to the date of the filing of said plat, were astounded on arriving at the land office for the purpose of filing our applications to find in line, awaiting the opening of the land office doors a number of persons, holding positions in the line, being really and actually hired stool pigeons for the purpose of defeating the real settlers who have built dwellings on their claims and are residing there, some for a year and others for nearly a year, being obliged to carry into their claim, all their furniture and provisions, putting up with the winter climate, and then to be confronted by the applications of such men as M. H. Cusick, Fred Poquette, a saloonkeeper of Roseburg, and others who attempted to take the lands by scrip from the settlers by fraudulently and illegally swearing that the lands were uninhabited, and..."

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NEGRO HIGHWAYMAN SHOT BY POLICEMAN NOT YET IDENTIFIED



Patrolman S. D. Vessey, Who Shot and Wounded Reithke in Street Duel in Dark.

FORECASTS FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS

Opinions as to Statement No. 1 From Several Districts of the State.

The following opinions of Oregon editors on the chances for Statement No. 1 come from various sections of the state, and appear to be a conservative estimate of the results so far as the Statement is concerned in tomorrow's elections:

By E. E. Wimberly. Roseburg, April 16.—After canvass of the rural districts it appears certain that Statement No. 1 candidates will be elected almost unanimously. At the primary election tomorrow a full Democratic ticket will be placed in the field, each candidate for the legislature being pledged to Statement No. 1. The old machine sympathy is with Fulton, but the floating vote in the towns will back the rural districts in favor of Statement No. 1 candidates.

By Bert Huffman. Pendleton, April 16.—The chances for reelection of Charles A. Barnett, the only candidate for the legislature in this county taking the Statement No. 1 pledge, are exceptionally good. Mr. Barnett's stand for popular election of the United States senators has converted many former opponents to that principle in this county. He has made a good campaign on that principle, and his prospects all over the county are highly favorable. He was the only Republican to take the pledge two years ago, and was elected by a large plurality.

By W. S. McMadden. Corvallis, Or., April 16.—Public sentiment here is pronounced in favor of Statement No. 1. In the main, it is politicians who are interested in the election of Senator Fulton that are opposed to it. Among the people, particularly in the counties supporting Statement No. 1, very strong. The holdover senator, A. J. Johnson, is pledged to Statement No. 1, and it is very probable that a representative similarly pledged will be elected.

By Fred Nutting. Albany, Or., April 16.—Statement No. 1 is in favor in this county, and the indication is that the No. 1 candidates will be nominated tomorrow. It is believed Fulton will have a majority for United States senator.

By Col. E. Hofer. Salem, April 16.—Indications are that candidates supporting Statement No. 1 will be nominated in Marion county by a majority of from 100 to 500 votes.

By E. S. Sparks. Forest Grove, April 16.—It appears here that public sentiment strongly favors Statement No. 1, and that all candidates advocating direct election of United States senators will be elected.

By George Putnam. Medford, Or., April 16.—Only two Republican candidates are before the people of Jackson county for the two seats.

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PRISONERS HELD IN HEAVY BONDS

Patrolman Henson Painfully but Not Seriously Wounded—Ives Confesses.

A dead highwayman, a wounded policeman and two highwaymen, one of them with a bullet hole through his leg, in cells in the city prison this morning in the net result of a series of robberies and holdups that began before midnight last night and ended at 1 o'clock this morning.

The robberies were committed by Fritz Reithke, Edward Ives and an unknown negro. The negro is dead, shot through the heart several years ago, in a revolver duel in the dark with Patrolman Charles B. Henson. Reithke occupies a cot in one of the cells at the city prison, nursing a wound in his leg inflicted by a bullet from the revolver of Patrolman S. D. Vessey. Ives, the last of the trio of holdup men, is a prisoner at police headquarters, where he, with Reithke, rests under a charge of highway robbery.

Ives at first denied that he was implicated in the robberies, but when he reached the police station he made a full confession, alleging to have been led into the scheme by a man named Theodor, whom he had known for some time. He said he knew very little about the negro other than the man's claim that he was an ex-convict and an all around desperado.

Ives is not unknown to the police, having been arrested on several occasions during the past five years for burglary and larceny. Reithke is a sailor, but left the sea several years ago, and for several months past has been a hanger-on about the more disreputable of the north end resorts. His wound is not serious.

Bound Over to Jury. In the police court this morning Reithke and Ives were bound over to await the action of the grand jury on a charge of highway robbery. The bonds were fixed at \$2,000. All of the property taken from the various persons in their possession at the time of their arrest.

Robbed Night and Left. The three highwaymen began their operations at about 11 o'clock last evening when they held up and robbed John Kosky at Thirteenth and Gilson streets. Kosky was relieved of \$0 cents in cash, all the money he had in his pockets. After robbing Kosky the three thugs went to Ninth and Couch streets where they held up and robbed Frank Parson of 44 North Ninth street. A gold watch, gold chain, locket and 60 cents in cash was taken from him. A few minutes later the highwaymen held up and attempted to rob a pedestrian at East First and Holladay avenue. This holdup was witnessed by passengers on a streetcar that came along at the critical moment. Dr. C. S. White and Dr. G. O. Jefferson, passengers, leaped to the ground and ran to the assistance of the man who was being held up. They were met by a fusillade of revolver shots from the guns of the highwaymen and were forced to beat a hasty retreat. In the meantime the victim of the intended robbery, taking advantage of the momentary diversion took to his heels and escaped.

Police Dragged Set. By this time word of the robberies had been received at police headquarters and officers under the direction of Captain of Detectives Batsy and Captain of Police Slover were dispatched in all directions in the districts where the holdups had occurred. While the police-

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CRUISERS WILL VISIT PORTLAND

Navy Department Will Order Formidable Fleet to This City.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Washington, D. C., April 16.—At the navy department it was said today that the department will send several cruisers to Portland, probably the Charleston, Yorktown, Albany and a flotilla of torpedo boat destroyers. The department was for a time without official information that Portland wanted ships, but it now waives all formality to meet Portland's wishes as it has learned from the Oregon delegation that the boats would be welcome.

AUTOIST HOLDS BAD LUCK MEDAL

Tacoman Has Already Paid \$1,300 Damages and Is Now Sued for \$10,000.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Tacoma, April 15.—Henry Royce of this city, carries the record for automobile misfortunes. Already he has been assessed \$1,300 by juries in damage suits for different automobile accidents, and a milkman is now suing him for \$10,000 damages. Royce ran into the milkman's outfit and turned it a somersault over an embankment, the milkman suffering severe injuries, besides being nearly drowned in the milk and cream he was hauling.

WIFE OF MAYOR OF SACRAMENTO ROASTS HUSBY'S JUDGMENT

(United Press Leased Wire.) Sacramento, Cal., April 15.—"I have my opinion of any mayor who will allow Emma Goldman to speak in public in his city." In these words Mrs. C. L. White, wife of Mayor White of Sacramento, has publicly scolded her husband for permitting the woman of anarchistic tendencies to address a meeting in this city last night. And to convince him that she was not at all backward about criticizing his public acts, Mrs. White dictated what she had to say right in his presence. "Emma Goldman should not be allowed to speak in public," she continued. "If she was not good enough to address a meeting in Chicago, it is my opinion that the mayor of Sacramento should think the same about his city. I can not understand why Sacramento mayor permitted her to speak. Mayor White smiled after his wife had concluded, saying there is no reason to believe that Miss Goldman will get any converts here. She will speak again tonight."

CREWS OF WARSHIPS ENJOY SHORE LEAVE AND BARGE RACES

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Diego, Cal., April 16.—With unabated enthusiasm the sailors from the big fleet continue to "whooop it up" ashore today, and the streets which had been thronged with sailor men and visitors all night, were this morning crowded to overflowing. General shore liberty was given the crews of all the ships this morning. The first race to be between admirals' barges, the sailing launches, the marines in going outboard and the engineers in cutters. The event in today's program of entertainment upon which the jacksies' interests centered was the boat races. Long before the time set for the regatta, the sailors and marines who were granted shore leave Wednesday and who remained all night in the city, began to wend their way to the water front, prepared to back their favored crew with their lusty cheers and their best bets. Four races are carded, and the winner of each receives a dollar. The first race is to be between admirals' barges, the sailing launches, the marines in going outboard and the engineers in cutters.

VOTE TOMORROW FOR LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES WHO WILL OBEY THE PEOPLE'S WILL

Voters of Oregon will have opportunity tomorrow to reassert their right to choose for themselves the United States senator. Unquestionably an overwhelming majority of them believe in the principle that the senator, like the congressmen, should be chosen by the people. But the choice expressed by the people will count for nothing unless the next legislature is pledged to observe it and abide by it. It is of utmost importance, therefore, that no legislative candidates be nominated at the primaries tomorrow who have not subscribed to Statement No. 1. This is the pledge which binds the legislator to elect as senator the man whom the people choose in the June election. If you believe in this principle, do not fail to go to the polls tomorrow and vote for Statement No. 1 candidates. The list of these candidates in Multnomah county is published elsewhere in this issue of The Journal. Cut it out and take it with you to the polls.