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THE CRACKERS MAKE HAUL ON EAST SIDE

TWO SAFES ROBBED BY EXPERTS WHO WORKED DURING LAST NIGHT

W. H. Markell & Co. and Aultman & Taylor Lose Coin and Valuables—San Francisco Police Think Robbers Are of the Same Gang That Stole Entire Stock of Jewelry Store.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

San Francisco, April 20.—Police here think that the men who cracked the safes of two Portland stores last night or early this morning are the same yegmen who broke into the jewelry store of T. Lundy in this city a few days ago and secured \$50,000 worth of diamonds and other valuables.

About \$400 in coin and currency, \$300 worth of ostrich plumes, an emerald ring valued at \$150 and a brooch manufactured from a gold nugget, worth approximately \$50, was the haul yegmen made on the east side late Sunday night or early this morning.

With the exception of the plumes the loot was taken from safes in the offices of W. H. Markell & Co., East Morrison and Union avenues, and the Aultman & Taylor machinery company, Union avenue and Belmont street, the stores having been broken open with the aid of a sledge and a sledge hammer, there being no evidence that any explosives were used.

ing untouched about \$5 worth of postage stamps and a check for \$17.55.

In the drawer, also, were several papers, including an insurance policy belonging to the bookkeeper of the firm, W. B. Bailey. In the envelope enclosing the policy there was a \$20 gold piece and this the thieves overlooked.

At the Markell & Co. store the yegmen did not have as much difficulty with the safe, boring only the one hole, and the strong box was not as badly damaged as in the other case. The loot obtained, however, was much greater, the thieves getting about \$400 in gold, the emerald ring and the brooch. The same tactics were used, a punch and sledge hammer being utilized after the hole had been drilled through the door. A money drawer near the safe, which did not happen to contain any coin, was not touched and it was not necessary to force the cash register, as it is emptied each night at closing time and left open.

When the thieves had finished with the safe they went to the millinery department and proceeded to appropriate the ostrich plumes. Only the most valuable ones were taken, some even being torn from their stems. Mr. Markell estimates that the loss of the feathers alone is \$200.

The Markell store was entered on Union avenue through a small ventilating window in the basement, this window being flush with the sidewalk. The catch was forced and the thieves slipped through, descending to the basement floor by stepping down some shelves. One stepped on a basket and crushed it, and the imprint of a large muddy shoe appears on the third shelf. The lower shelves are lined with dishes, but so careful were the thieves that none of these was broken.

After gaining entrance to the basement the rest was easy. The thieves simply had to walk up the stairway and enter the office, which is enclosed so that they could work without danger of being seen from the street.

How entrance was gained to the Aultman & Taylor place is a mystery yet to be solved, but it is thought the men came in through a window from the

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Supreme Court Strikes at State

Washington, April 20.—The supreme court took another slap at the theory of state regulation of the railroads today when it refused to require the federal court of Nebraska to send back to the Nebraska state court a suit, instituted by the state to enforce its own interstate regulations. The road had promptly taken an appeal from the suit in the state court to the federal courts, alleging lack of jurisdiction, and this opinion was upheld by the supreme court.

SELECT JURORS IN ROSS TRIAL

Large Array of Legal Talent at Salem to Prosecute Title Banker.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Salem, Or., April 20.—Counsel in the case against J. Thorburn Ross, president of the defunct Title Guarantee & Trust company charged with the larceny and misappropriation of state funds held in trust by him, began selecting jurors shortly after a recess today. The state expects that a jury will be secured this afternoon and that the attorneys can begin taking evidence as soon as court convened in the morning.

The state is represented by an imposing array of counsel, Judge from District Attorney Manning and Deputy District Attorney Bert Haney, Judge H. L. Pipes, District Attorney John H. McNary of Salem, prosecutor in the third judicial district, and Deputy District Attorney Charles L. McNary, also of Salem, are appearing for the state. Each was present this afternoon except John L. McNary, who is engaged in Tillamook county, but will be here in a few days.

For the defense the case is being directed by Wallace McCannan of Multnomah county, Harrison Allen of Clackamas county and J. Kaiser of Salem. It is not expected that the case will drag through more than six days.

Judge Brown has a record for austerity and it is thought he will compel the attorneys to confine themselves strictly to material evidence in their cross-examination and argument.

LIEUTENANT COVERT SECOND ACID VICTIM

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Tacoma, Wash., April 20.—Lieutenant John Covert, the second victim of the nitric acid fumes in the Crown drug store fire, died at 4:30 this morning at St. Joseph's hospital. He was in the thick of the fumes at the fire and was taken ill the same evening. The acid penetrated his lungs. He was a member of the local camp of the Spanish war veterans and served in the Philippines. He will be buried by the firemen and veterans with military honors. Lieutenant Covert was unmarried and so far as known has no relatives.

Chief McAleavy, Assistant Chief Lindsay, Horn, Harbin and the other firemen affected were all showing improvement this morning and the doctors have hopes that they may recover.

New Theatre in Cream City. (United Press Leased Wire.)

Milwaukee, Wis., April 20.—With the opening of the Majestic theatre tonight Milwaukee will be in possession of one of the finest and most completely equipped play houses in the United States. The new theatre is absolutely fireproof and handsomely furnished and decorated. It is to be a part of the Keith-Proctor-Orpheum circuit and will be devoted to high class vaudeville.

CRIMINAL COMBINE OF BOYS

Crowd That Has Terrorized Pittsburg for Some Time Turns Out to Be Composed of Mere Beardless Youths, Not Out of Teens.

Police Arrest Several Ring-leaders Who Have Confessed and Reveal Secrets of a Bad Gang of Youthful Thugs.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pittsburg, April 20.—With the arrest of five young thugs and members of a gang calling itself "The Gamblers of the West," the police believe they have broken up one of the worst and biggest organizations of youthful criminals ever known.

The gang numbers more than 20 members, all of whom will be arrested in the next few days on information given by a singler now in jail. The brains and chief of the gang is Mike Ross, 16 years old. His chief assistant and leader in several safe-cracking expeditions is John Platek, 15 years old.

This crowd has been making the southwest section of the city unsafe to pedestrians after dark. Hundreds of crimes are attributed to them and detectives have been on their trail for some time.

TURKEY QUICKLY YIELDS TO ITALY

Fighting Ships Make Sultan Think Seriously of Humbert's Demands.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Rome, April 20.—Turkey has yielded in every instance to the demands of Italy. The "Sick Man of Europe" trimmed with Humbert until he saw the prowess of Italy's fighting ships pointed towards the Bosphorus and then capitulated.

An Italian postoffice system will be opened in Turkey. Italy will be received at the Porte will all the privileges that are accorded to every other first-class power. No discrimination will be permitted against any Italian residents of Turkey or in Turkish possessions.

On the strength of Abdul Hamid's unqualified back down the Italian fleet will not sail for Turkish waters. The orders have been countermanded and the fleet, with the destroyers, will remain here. The formal order which would have sent 11 battleships and eight destroyers steaming towards the sultan's dominions was being transcribed for delivery when the sultan's message came announcing the capitulation.

PRETTY YOUNG WOMAN WASHES SUDDENLY DISAPPEARS



Mrs. Florence Covey.

Has Mrs. Florence Covey—young, handsome and childless—committed suicide, or has she simply dropped out of the circle of her friends and acquaintances for the purpose of escaping a continuance of her domestic difficulties? The police have been asked to solve the problem.

Mrs. Covey is the wife of James H. Covey, steward at the Norfolk hotel. She has been separated from her husband for some days and has been living with her mother, Mrs. E. H. Bennett, at the latter's home, 351 Marguerite avenue. Yesterday morning she was missing from the house and on the bureau in her bedroom was found the following letter:

Letter for Mother. "April 18, 1908.—Dear Mother: Don't grieve for me when I am gone, as I am better off and I go with the hope of sometime meeting you there. I will not write to Fannie, as it would upset her school, but I will let you break it to her any way you think best. Tell her the things are not as much as I would like to have left, but it is all I had. Tell Henry to try and not let this matter interfere with his chance in the future. There are plenty more better than I who would suit him better. He will soon forget me. No one knows what I have borne in the last few years, but I hope that has ended now. With love, I am your

"P. S.—I intended mailing this when I did Henry's, but knew you would get it if I left it here."

Though Covey is her second husband, Mrs. Covey is but 15 years old and is accounted a handsome woman. She married Covey in Seattle about a year ago.

In reporting his wife's disappearance to the police Covey said he feared his wife had taken her own life, as she had but a small amount of money, and had it been her intention to hide herself from her relatives and friends she would be without means to support herself or to reach any point further than a few miles from Portland. He said she had on several occasions expressed a determination to end her troubles by self-destruction unless things changed for the better.

Covey attributes the trouble between herself and her young wife to what he terms the unwarranted interference of his mother-in-law in his domestic affairs. He admits, however, that he and Mrs. Covey have recently had serious quarrels and that several days ago his wife left him and went to live at the home of her mother.

In discussing the possibility that Mrs. Covey may have left home with the intention of leading her friends to think she is dead and thus enable her to more effectually conceal her identity and whereabouts, Covey confessed that there were circumstances that gave color to such a conclusion. He said he had recently bought \$125 worth of new clothes for his wife and he seemed to think this fact sufficient to warrant a suspicion that she would not contemplate self-destruction until she had worn them for awhile. He also pointed out that the letter to Mrs. Bennett is indefinite, in that there is no positive statement that the writer intended to take her own life.

Although there is a reference in the communication left for Mrs. Bennett to a letter mailed to "Henry," the name by which Mrs. Covey usually addressed her husband, Covey makes no mention of having received such a missive. He says his wife was married to her first husband when she was but 15 years old and that her matrimonial venture was not a happy one.

Mrs. Covey is 18 years old, 5 feet 3 inches high, blue eyes, dark blonde hair. She was dressed in black and white, a plaid suit, tan shoes, gray gloves and a black and white "Merry Widow" hat trimmed with roses.

Mrs. Bennett admitted this afternoon that her daughter was not married to Covey. She says the wedding ceremony was to have been performed Saturday afternoon. Covey showed Mrs. Bennett a marriage certificate properly filled in, but the mother says that the daughter acknowledged to her that the certificate was not a true one and that they had not been married.

Opera House for Elgin.

Elgin, Or., April 20.—J. M. Ashworth of Athens is arranging to put up an opera house at Elgin. His plan is to put up a one story building either 40x100 feet or 40x150 feet, either brick or frame, preferably brick. There will be a large stage, and modern interior for the better.

Independents in Favor of Statement No. 1 Will Be Put Forward for the Legislature in Several Counties of the State.

Prospects That Supporters of Principle Will Be in the Majority at the Next Assembly at Salem—Good Show for Democrats.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Oregon's next legislature, when it convenes at Salem in January, will be pledged to Statement No. 1 by a safe majority. Should all the Republican nominees successful in the primaries of Friday last be elected, the opposition to Statement No. 1 would have 44 votes in the joint assembly to 44 pledged to the principle. This, however, is not at all likely, for it is practically conceded that independent and Democratic candidates, pledged to Statement No. 1, will defeat nominees opposed to the majority in several counties. He states, thus giving the principle the majority when the votes are counted in June.

Friends of Statement No. 1 had begun to plan to bring out strong candidates pledged to the principle to make independent races for election long before the primaries were held. In different counties where the old machine leaders had dictated the candidates for legislative office the Statement No. 1 forces decided that it would be just as well to wait until after the primaries when the issue would be clean cut for and against the principle. With the question cut before the voters in this manner there is no doubt of the outcome in different sections of the state.

In Yamhill county, where two nominees for the house of representatives are opposed to Statement No. 1, there is a strong movement on foot for an independent ticket to bring out two strong, clear tickets. In Clatsop county, where the county as a whole is strong for Statement No. 1 and there is no doubt that the two independent candidates will be elected in June.

Movement in Washington.

In Washington county much the same condition prevails. Here the mass of the voters are back of the principle of direct election, but owing to the combination by the people. In that county one candidate for senator and three for the house have been nominated, all of them pledged to be an independent ticket for the primaries, and the reports coming from that county lead to the belief that the independent movement will be successful.

In Wasco county there was a landslide for Statement No. 1 on the senatorial ticket, but owing to the combination of candidates for representative two Republican choice candidates were nominated. Here again it is expected that there will be an independent ticket for representatives put forward, and the indications are that it will be able to win.

There is strong indication also that there will be more Democratic members in the next legislature than in the last where Henry H. Reichold of Union county was the sole representative of the Democracy in the house. In the seventeenth senatorial district of Crook, Klamath and Lake counties G. H. Merryman has been nominated on the Republican ticket, while Dr. George Springer has been given the Democratic nomination. Merryman is pledged to Republican choice while Springer is pledged to Statement No. 1. Both are popular and well known men and the fight between them will be a close hard one, with a good chance of Dr. Springer's Statement No. 1 platform to float him through.

Democrat From Linn.

In the second legislative district composed of Linn county, L. A. Munkers has been given the Democratic nomination for representative. He will be opposed to F. H. Porter and E. E. Upmeyer, who are pledged. Linn county already has a Democratic senator, Miller, and it is very probable that Munkers will be able to land in June.

In the seventh representative district (Josephine county) H. L. DeArmond has been given the Democratic nomination. He will be opposed by J. C. Smith, the Republican nominee, who is unpledged.

In Harney and Malheur counties, the twenty-seventh representative district, William Morfit has been given the Democratic nomination. He will oppose W. H. Brooke.

In Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties, the twenty-eighth representative district, W. T. Jackson has been given the Democratic nomination. He will be opposed by B. F. Pike and R. J. Donnelly, both of whom are unpledged. Because of the close fractional fight between the Democrats and anti-Democratic forces it is probable that Jackson may be elected. In this district both in the senate and house, there is a bitter fight being waged against the late Jay Bowserman and his allies. He has apparently won out by a small majority in the primary and the leaders opposed to him believe that they will be able to beat him in June by an independent ticket pledged to Statement No. 1.

Independents in the Field. In last week's state-wide battle for and against the principle of Statement No. 1

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CLEMMENS BEATS BEVERAGE

Another Statement No. 1 Candidate Is Added to the List of Representatives by Latest Corrected Returns of Multnomah.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Latest and complete returns on the legislative fight in Multnomah county shut Joseph W. Beverage out of the list of 12 representatives, giving W. J. Clemmens a Statement No. 1 candidate, the nomination by 123 votes. This change over the computation of Saturday night makes still more sweeping the victory for Statement No. 1 in this county, as it allows but three nominees out of 18 who are not pledged to Statement No. 1. These three are John B. Coffey, who was nominated on the senatorial ticket, C. N. McArthur, who received the nomination for joint representative, and Robert S. Farrell, who made one of the list of representative nominees.

The latest returns from the county, complete and corrected, make the nominees for the house of representatives to be J. D. Abbott, B. C. Altman, Fred J. Brady, J. C. Bryant, W. J. Clemmens, K. Couch, L. M. Davis, Robert S. Farrell, L. D. Mahone, Charles J. McDonald, A. W. Orton and E. J. Jaeger. Farrell is the only man not pledged to Statement No. 1. There was no change in the senatorial ticket. The Multnomah delegation will therefore consist of 15 members, 15 of whom are pledged to Statement No. 1 and three to the Republican choice. That is provided no independent candidate is placed in the field against C. N. McArthur for joint representative, in which case there is strong probability that another Statement No. 1 member will be added to the list.

The corrected vote on the representatives

"CHEAP CHARLEY" GETS ANOTHER CONTRACT

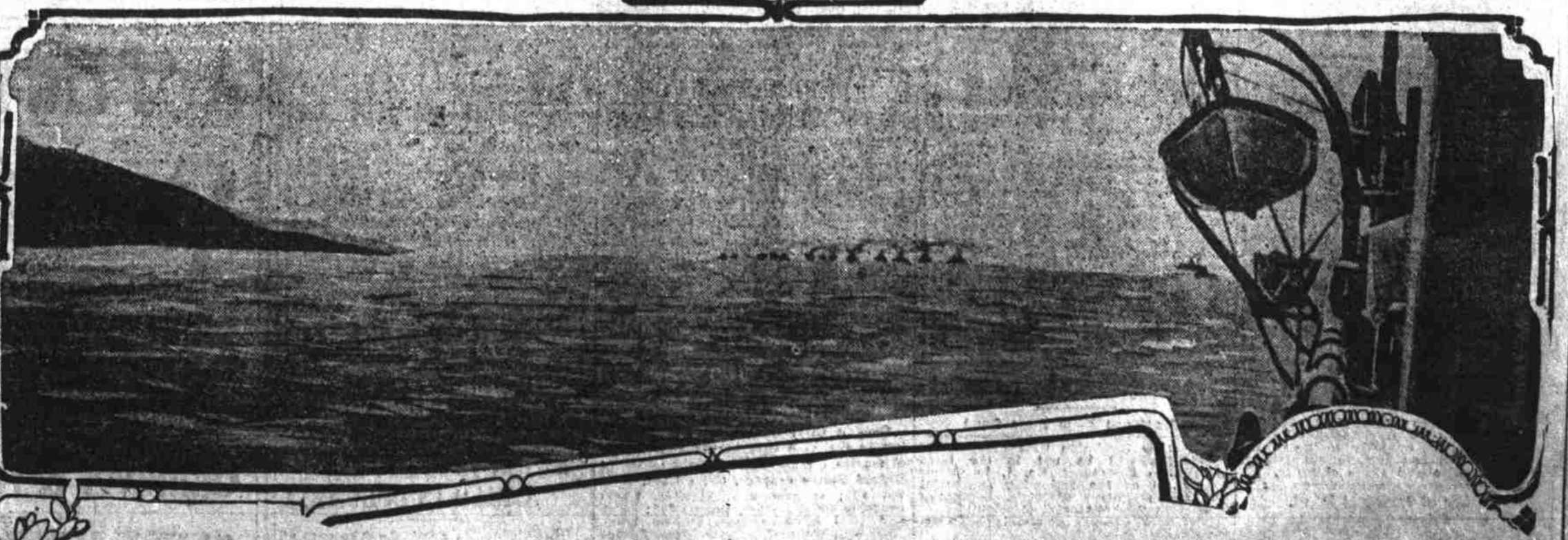
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Berlin, Apr. 20.—The North German Lloyd Steamship company has completed an arrangement with the competing Japanese company by which the German company conceded the Indo-China trade. While the conditions have not yet been published, it is known that they are satisfactory to both companies. The competition had lasted 18 months, to the great loss of both companies.

SPAIN FACES A TERRIBLE CRISIS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Palma, Spain, April 20.—It is not to be denied that there is a terrible crisis in the political condition of Spain. It has extended to business affairs as well as politics. Here the crisis has involved hundreds of families in misery, as the factories of footgear, the industry of the region, have all closed down, throwing several thousand men, women and youths out of work.



Photograph of the Battleship Fleet Approaching Harbor in Line Formation. The Picture Was Taken From the Deck of the Supply Steamer Cuiques, the Boats of Which Are Shown Swinging From the Davits.