

# DETECTIVES THINK ONE MAN KILLED WOLFF

## HARRIMAN WILL FIGHT ORDER TO LOWER RATES

### O. R. & N. Attorney Sounds Warning of Struggle which Will Bring About Litigation in Federal Courts—Action Causes Surprise—Commission's Ruling Final.

Harriman will not allow the reduction in local freight rates in Oregon ordered a month ago to go into effect without a struggle. Before the expiration of its time to file the new tariff, the O. R. & N. will ask for an injunction in the federal court restraining the railroad commission from carrying into effect its order lowering rates.

According to dispatches to The Journal from Lewiston yesterday, W. W. Cogan, attorney for the Harriman lines in Oregon, said: "We shall apply for an injunction against the commission on the ground that the order is an interference with interstate commerce. I am preparing a bill which will probably be filed in the federal court. The order does not go into effect until May 13."

**Wait on Spokane Case.**

Although there has been wide interest in the order lowering the freight rates to and from Portland and inter-railroad points it was not believed that the railroad would interfere with the act of the commission. It is believed, however, that the railroad's determination to fight this order means that it will not submit to any rate reductions by the state railroad commission, at least until the Interstate commerce commission has decided the Spokane case which is very similar to that begun by the Portland commercial bodies.

The case in question is that of the Portland chamber of commerce against the O. R. & N. It was begun before the commission last summer and asked for a reduction of class rates between Portland and points in Oregon on the main and branch lines of the O. R. & N.

It was claimed by the plaintiff that the class rates put on Portland—that is, the distributive excessive compared to similar rates out of nearly all western distributing centers except those on the north Pacific coast. It was claimed that rates on the O. R. & N. had been so excessive that besides the care of operating expenses

## BIG RAILROAD WANTS SHIPYARD

### Bidder for Moran's Plant Is Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Seattle, May 2.—It was admitted today that the prospective purchaser of the Moran plant is the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad company, which wants the ground for a terminal site. It embraces 20 acres. The Milwaukee now has only two lots on the waterfront. The water in front is 40 feet deep and the acquisition of the plant will give plenty of room for wharves for a fleet of steamships which the Oaaka, Shosen Kaisha will operate from Seattle to the Orient in connection with the Milwaukee road. Negotiations are expected to be completed and the deal closed in a few days.

## YOUTHS DYNAMITE TRAIN

### Two Boys Suspected of Blowing Up Burlington Limited for Excitement Wreck Would Create—Officers Are on the Trail of the Youngsters.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Butte, Mont., May 2.—Youthful vandals are suspected by the officers of having dynamited the overland limited last night as it was pulling into Butte, in which wreck Engineer Charles Bussey and Charles Ming were killed and Fireman George Ellis fatally injured. The names of the two young men are freshly mentioned by the officers as the probable train wreckers.

The facts that they are away from their homes and that they recently stole a box of dynamite and caps, are being linked into a chain of evidence to connect them with the case. The officers are now busily searching every cabin and dugout within a radius of 10 miles for the boys.

The lads have been under surveillance for some time and have caused the police considerable trouble for the past several months. In the belief of the money order clerk, Edward J. Stober, was wantonly perpetrated, not with any desire for revenge or loot, but simply for the excitement that the wreck would create.

Apparently the perpetrators had planned to explode the dynamite under the coaches as they were passing, but the jar of the engines exploded the charge prematurely, or else the fuse used was too short.

## HENEY SAYS HE WILL PRESS ALL FORD INDICTMENTS

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Los Angeles, May 2.—When informed of the acquittal by a jury in San Francisco of Percy L. Ford today, Francis H. Heney, special prosecutor in the graft cases, expressed much surprise.

"Will you drop the Ford case now?" he was asked.

"Drop the case?" he replied, "as if I amazed. Why should we? We are in this game to fight to a finish and Ford will face a jury on every count for which he was indicted by the grand jury."

Heney was keenly disappointed, however, when he heard of the Ford acquittal.

"While I don't care to criticize the 12 men who freed Ford," Heney said, "I cannot for the life of me see how the case being in such a verdict after hearing the evidence, it is too bad."

## AUTOPSY REVEALS BULLET WAS FIRED BEFORE AX WAS WEILDED

That Nathan Wolff came to his death at 165 First street, in Portland, Multnomah county, Oregon, at about 7 o'clock p. m., May 1, 1908, from effects of gunshot wound in neck and blows on head, causing fractures of skull, inflicted with murderous intent by some person or persons unknown to the jury. A. B. Stuart, William L. Higgins, P. Murray, Adam Zorn, J. M. Gilbert, Patrick Holland.—(Verdict of Coroner's Jury).

## OLSON CANNOT HELP DETECTIVES

### Former Employe Says He Knew Little About Murdered Man's Habits.

"I have no idea how much money Wolff carried in his safe," said J. H. Olson in his home in the Sangert apartments, corner of Washington and Trinity streets, last night. "I worked for him about six years and quit about a week ago. My share of the work was simply to fix watches and naturally I had nothing to do with the other part of the business.

"Being merely an employe, I did my work and attended to my own affairs, as any one would naturally do in such a position. How much money he carried in the safe, or how much stock, I have no idea. It was none of my affair and I never thought of it at all. Wolff always handled this part of the business himself, so far as I know, and he never mentioned such matters to me. He hired me to do the watch repairing and I did that and let other matters alone, as any one else would naturally do in the same position. He had no idea how much money he carried in the safe, or how it was done. I have no more idea than any one else.

"I am only too glad to throw all the light on the subject I can, but concerning the crime I know no more than what I see in the papers. It is a horrible, brutal affair and if I can be of any possible assistance in running down the funds I would be only too glad to do so."

## BATY HAS DEVELOPED NEW THEORY

Detective Captain Baty last night declared that the man who killed Nathan Wolff was alone in his crime. The general impression among other than the police is that men addicted to drugs and one of whom knew Wolff, committed the crime.

The blood stains near the door of the loan office at 165 First street, are held as sufficient evidence that the murderer was himself wounded. Every one who knew Nathan Wolff is positive that no man could have been more determined to fight to the last and to protect his belongings even at the risk of his life.

There is plenty of evidence of a struggle that did not end until the cleaver-like ax had done its ghastly work and the victim lay like a butchered thing, quite beyond another gasp of resistance. Wolff undoubtedly inflicted a severe wound upon his assailant, for though the pawn broker's blood covered the rug's clothing, the regularly-spaced drops of blood through the store to the front door and even out on the sidewalk show that fresh blood was falling from a wound at that moment. Leaving the store the murderer started southward along First street. That the blood stains tell.

The murderer was probably wounded in the wrist or arm.

Though a man of sedentary habits, Wolff must have exerted a terrific strength in the death struggle in the back room of the little store.

Apparently in a desperate endeavor to choke his assailant he seized the other's necktie. The knotted hard, and so great was the force of the frantic man's arms that collar and tie gave way and were pulled over the murderer's head.

Six detectives worked on the Wolff case all of yesterday and far into last night. In addition, a number of the most experienced members of the day relief watch were kept at work last

## ROBINSON TELLS STORY TO JURY

### Watchman Relates Experience After Discovery of Nathan Wolff's Body.

One of the most remarkable stories of the discovery of a gruesome crime ever listened to by a coroner's jury was told yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Robinson in Finley's chapel to the six men selected to determine by what method Nathaniel Wolff came to his death in his store at 165 First street. Robinson attempted no bravado in his recital of his finding of the mutilated body huddled in a dark corner of the rear room and told plainly how he was startled and frightened by his discovery as he groped about the dark room with nothing to light his way but the flashes of his electric lamp. His testimony before the coroner's jury brought out by the cross-examination conducted by Deputy District Attorney John H. Stephenson follows:

**No Lights Burning.**

"I got off the streetcar at the corner of First and Morrison streets at 6:30 o'clock and walked south on the east side of First street. As I passed along I glanced over at Wolff's store and noticed the light was not burning. I did not stop, however, because it was broad daylight and I supposed Wolff was still about the store.

"When I reached Taylor street I crossed to the west side of First street and made my way back to Morrison street. Upon reaching Wolff's store I tried the door and found it locked without the light burning. This was unusual. Only three times since November have I ever discovered that the door was locked and I would return to the store so I completed my rounds.

"What I reached Taylor street and the light was still out and the door locked. I then went to the Baker theater about 8 o'clock I returned again and the crowds are buying tickets. I left the theater at 8:20 and went down Taylor street to Front street. I stopped at Fisher-Thorsen's store and entered. I examined the safe there and made my rounds, coming up Morrison to First.

"I again walked down the east side of First street toward the south and noticed the light out I crossed over, tried the door and found it locked. This was at 8:40 o'clock. I then became alarmed and recrossed the street to Martin's furniture store and telephoned to Wolff's home. Some woman answered me and was agitated. She said that she were alarmed at Wolff's absence from home and I assured her that

## GUESSERS ALL GUESS ON BIG BILL TAFT

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)  
Washington, D. C., May 2.—It appears to be safe to predict now that Taft will be nominated. The current sentiment strongly favors Taftward to warrant no other guess. The opposition has abandoned all talk of Fairbanks, Cannon, Knox and Hughes, excepting that in a desultory manner mention is still made of them in their own states, though even there the opposition is strong by all of the president's following.

Talk of vice president is now heard. Hughes of Nebraska and Bullard of Massachusetts lead in the speculation.

**Stole From Express Company.**

Chicago, May 2.—Arrested on a specific charge of embezzling \$6,000 belonging to the Wells-Fargo Express company, which employed him as a money order clerk, Edward J. Stober is being examined today and his accounts are being searched.

The shortage officers of the company say, is between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

## McCredie and His Team Arrive Tuesday

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## CHAMBERLAIN BEGINS CAMPAIGN IN MALHEUR

### Leaves Today for Vale Where Opening Address in Senatorial Race Will Be Given—Week Following Will Be Spent in Covering Districts in Eastern Oregon

George E. Chamberlain, Democratic nominee for United States senator from Oregon, will begin his campaign for election tomorrow night, May 4, at Malheur. The governor left Portland this morning for eastern Oregon and will be in Malheur county ready for the opening meeting Monday.

A partial itinerary has been mapped out by Governor Chamberlain for his trip through the eastern part of the state. He will make his initial appearance in Malheur county and will then work back toward Portland, speaking at all of the principal towns along the route until he reaches Portland again.

Following the meeting in Malheur on Monday Governor Chamberlain will speak in Baker City and Eagle valley on Tuesday and Wednesday. He will cover Union, La Grande and Cove on May 7, if it is possible for him to get over that much territory. Friday and Saturday he will be in Umatilla county, speaking at Pendleton, Athena and possibly other of the larger towns of the county.

He will then come down the river to Morrow county and will speak at Heppner May 11, that being Monday a week from now. From Morrow county the governor will go to Gilliam county, speaking there May 13 and reaching The Dalles May 13. Following the meeting at The Dalles Governor Chamberlain will return to Portland for a short rest before commencing another trip covering a different section of the state.

## CAKE'S FOOT SLIPS AGAIN

### Senatorial Aspirant Forgets to Hand Any Laurels to South Portland Republican Club—Slight in Naming State Delegation Brings Out Knife.

Still more trouble is brewing for H. M. Cake, the Republican senatorial nominee and W. M. Cake, chairman of the Republican state central committee and active manager of the campaign of his brother. This time he has offended the warhorses of South Portland, which was a Cake stronghold, by not recognizing the South Portland Republican club on the delegation to the state convention and as a result the long and double-edged knife is being whetted up for the head of the ticket in June.

Before the organization of the state central committee and before the selection of the delegates to the state convention by the county central committee, different members of the South Portland club expected to be sent to the state convention as delegates. However, the selections had been made, however, it was found that the southern club had been left out in the cold.

**Smoke From Slumbering Fire.**

Since that time there has been some warm feeling in the South Portland club ranks and it is openly predicted by different members of the club that Mr. Cake will suffer when the votes are counted as a result of his not allowing the club to have representation on the delegation.

It is even said that a meeting of the executive board of the club will be held in a few days, at which some resolutions will be adopted which will not be as friendly to Mr. Cake as the club that Mr. Cake may have had one of the delegates to the state convention as delegates.

Mr. Muirkey is not friendly to Senator Fulton, who stands in the evening while the selections had been made, however, when Mr. Henry played the senator.

How he can stand in with the Taft movement is something of a mystery. It is taken to be simply a movement of Muirkey for Muirkey.

The short-term senator is said to believe that Chamberlain will be elected senator over H. M. Cake with but little trouble. He also expects that Taft will be the next president. By climbing onto the Taft wagon at this time it is believed that Muirkey is making a play to have a slice of the federal patronage with Bourne and Chamberlain, neither

## DENVER POLICEMAN KILLED BY THIEF

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Denver, Col., May 2.—Charles E. Becker, a policeman, was shot and killed early today by a burglar whom he cornered in the office of the Denver Photograph Supply company. Becker was walking in an alley when he noticed that a window of the company's office had been pried open. He crawled through it and evidently was about to take a window when he was struck by the bullet fired by the burglar who penetrated the officer's heart. No arrests were made.

## TWO MEN KILLED IN COLLAPSED SEWER

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Altoona, Pa., May 2.—Two Italian laborers were killed and three probably killed tonight when a sewer ditch in which they were working collapsed, burying them under six feet of earth.

## PRINCE OF SWEDEN MARRIES PRINCESS, BUT LOVES ACTRESS

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
St. Petersburg, May 2.—Prince Wilhelm of Sweden will marry the Grand Duchess Marie Pavlovna, daughter of Grand Duke Paul Alexandrovitch, and cousin to the czar, at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The ceremony will take place at the Tsarsko-Selo palace.

The czar, King Gustav of Sweden, and Prince Carl and Princess Ingeborg, his brother and sister, will be present. All the royal family and the greatest of the nobility out of the charmed circle of royalty will be present.

First there will be the Greek church ritual and then a Lutheran ceremony, to show proper deference to the dominant religions of both Russia and Sweden.

Outwardly it will be a magnificent affair, but really not a very happy one. Tsarsko-Selo palace will be cordoned by an army to protect the royal couple and guards from terrorists. Besides, the prince is admittedly in love with a beautiful young Swedish actress, so it is not thought as will be a very devoted family man.

St. Petersburg is magnificently decorated for the occasion, but it is by order of the prefect of police, the decorated people are not enthusiastic. They are contemptuous, in fact.

The merry-making at Tsarsko-Selo palace will continue until May 4, when Prince Wilhelm and his bride will leave for Sweden, their future home.

