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SCANDAL IN CASE GROWS SENSATIONAL

Fort Hamilton Officers Say That Two Other Tragedies May Occur as Result of Revelations—Dread Coming Coroner's Inquest.

Life of Mrs. Hains Saved by Timely Interference of Lieutenant Andrews and M. J. Rowan—Minister Speaks for Slayer.

New York, Aug. 18.—Each hour brings a new sensation in the case of Captain Peter C. Hains, who killed William E. Annis Saturday night, and today the military post at Fort Hamilton is shivering with fear of impending exposures.

"The killing of Annis by Hains was expected by every army officer at Fort Hamilton," said an officer stationed there today. "The worst of it is that at any time two other tragedies of the same sort may occur as the result of orgies which have disgusted every decent officer here, and of which one feature was the expulsion of Mrs. Hains and Annis from the fort after the captain's return from the Philippines. Every officer in the fort dreads the inquest tomorrow night and fears the exposures that are practically certain to be made. The decent officers and their wives naturally dread the revelations, which certainly will result in wholesale transfers from this post."

EUREKA SHAKEN BY TEMBLORS

Two Shocks in Early Morning—Courthouse Minerva Casts Spear.

Eureka, Cal., Aug. 18.—An earthquake shook almost as severe as the one of April 18, 1896, but not of so long duration, shook this city at 2:18 o'clock this morning. It seemed to come from the west and was what is known as a "tristler." No one was injured, but considerable damage was done.

Town Destroyed; Loss \$150,000.

FIGHT FOR COAST AND WE'LL WIN, SAYS PARKER FOR BRYAN AND KERN

Tonight Judge Alton B. Parker will speak to Democrats at the Heilig theatre. The judge arrived this morning in Portland. His views of the campaign are distinctly favorable to Bryan. Judge Parker feels sure that Oregon will be counted in the Democratic ranks after the presidential canvass.

The Panic Has Converted Many Persons to the Commoner's Way of Thinking

"I don't want to pose as a prophet, but if the Democrats avoid concentrating their efforts on one or two doubtful states and instead devote themselves to carrying Oregon and Dakota and California and as many other states as they can, the chances are very good for Bryan's election. People are anxious for a change. The panic has made many converts to Democratic ranks. There are many unusual conditions facing the leaders. These all make the outlook for a Democratic victory at least promising."



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TRY TO PUT FATHER IN ASYLUM

Grasping Sons of Joseph Meyers, Wealthy Merchant of Salem, Charge Him With Insanity, When He Would Wed.

Hale Old Man Is Arrested by the Sheriff as He Is About to Take Out License—Judge Releases Him on His Own Recognizance.

An attempt to put on the play of King Lear, with two sons in the place of the grasping daughters, was made at the courthouse and the county jail last night and this morning, but fell through on account of the refusal of the father to play the title role.

Joseph Meyers, a wealthy resident of Salem, well known in Portland and other parts of the state, was the victim of what he denounces as an outrageous plot on the part of his two sons, Henry and Milton L. Meyers, merchants of Salem, to railroad him to the insane asylum in order to prevent his impending marriage and get hold of his money. Present indications are that the plot will result only in the discomfiture of the sons.

Meyers senior, a handsome, white-haired and extraordinarily well preserved man of 70, who does not look to be 40, was standing at the desk of the license clerk yesterday afternoon awaiting the issuance of a license which would allow him to marry Mrs. Zenaida Du Rette of 312 Hancock street, this city, when he was taken into custody by the sheriff on the charge of insanity. The charge was preferred by his two sons, evidently for the purpose of putting a stop to the nuptial plans of their father. Joseph Meyers, however, did not spend the night in jail. He had arranged for a supper at the Portland hotel, which was to have been the wedding supper of himself and his bride. Although there was no wedding, the supper was eaten in the hotel and the city Sheriff Harry Bulger, who acted nominally as guard over the prisoner, released by Judge.

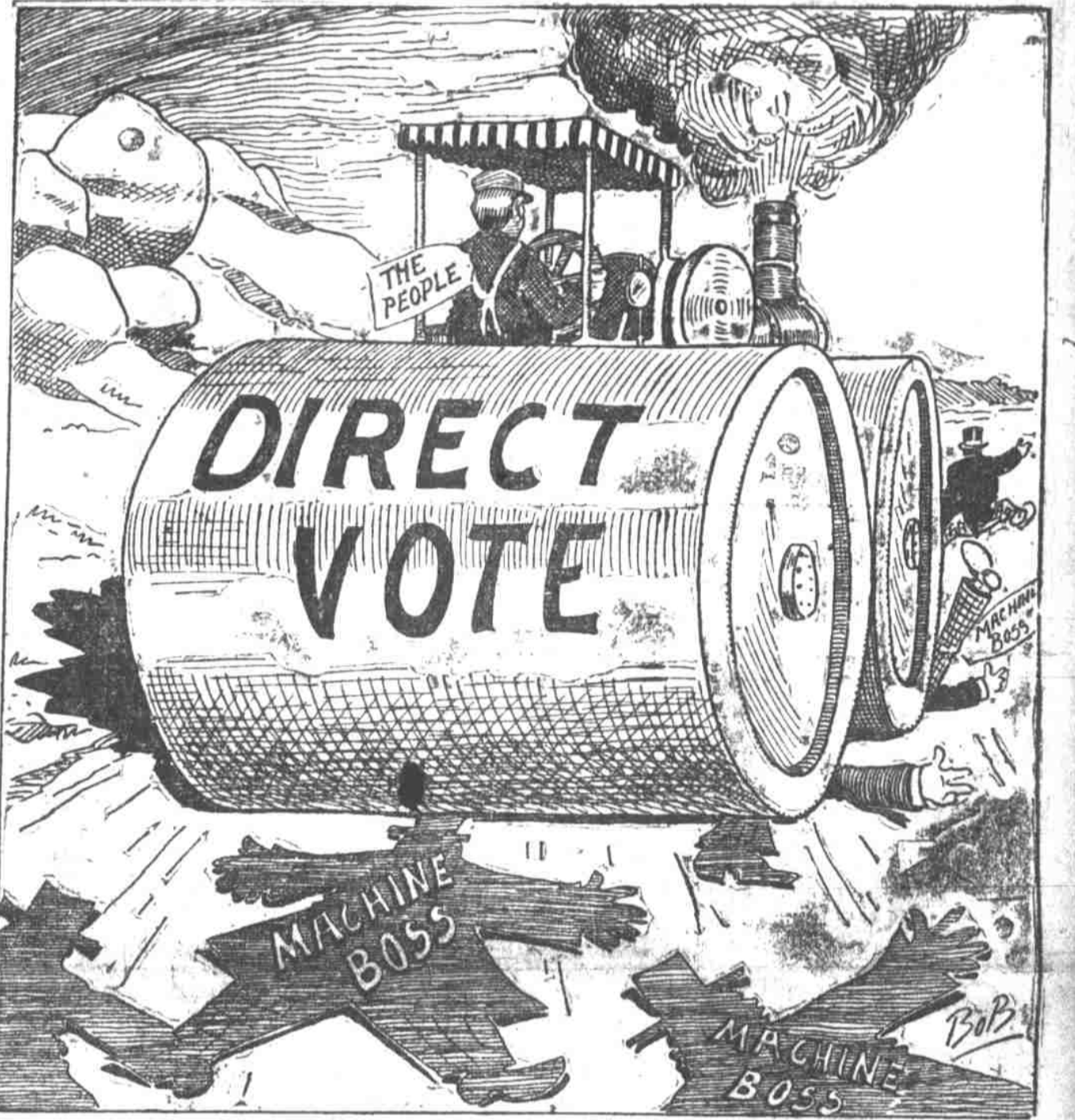
Meyers appeared in court this morning by Dan Malarko, his attorney, and was released on his own recognizance, to appear again at 2 o'clock this afternoon to be examined by the judge and an expert alienist. There is no doubt, however, as to the verdict. Meyers appears to be as Dan Malarko stated to the judge, a sane and sane-minded man. A curious feature of the proceedings was the presence in the court-house of Lee Stiles, superintendent of the state insane asylum, who not only was a personal friend of Joseph Meyers but also a brother-in-law of one of Meyers' unfortunates. Stiles denounced the proceedings as an outrage and said the matter ought to be settled up at once.

MORE WARSHIPS TO VENEZUELA

Netherlands Soon to Have Five in Scaring Distance of Castro.

(United Press Leased Wire.) The Hague, Aug. 18.—As a part of the plan to awe President Castro of Venezuela into submission and apology without an actual demonstration or bombardment of the ports, the Dutch cruisers Hollander and Trevel were ordered today to prepare for speedy dispatch to Caracas on August 29. They are expected to arrive at Caracas, October 21, when the Netherlands will have five formidable ships in Caribbean waters.

THE NEW KIND OF STEAM ROLLER



MAYOR LANE DECLARES GRAFT CRY EFFORT TO HURT ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Lane is incensed over the insinuations that graft is flourishing in the north end under the protection of the police and municipal authorities and stated today that he wanted to declare officially that so far as he knew or had been able to ascertain, there is no graft or espionage in the city organized under the protection of either the police or any other city official. Further than this Mayor Lane said that if District Attorney Cameron wishes to probe the north end and he will aid him in every possible manner as a citizen and mayor of the city.

Far weeks there have been rumors of graft with insinuations to the effect that the money went to persons in high authority. At no time have these rumors been connected directly with any one person or group of persons, but were worded in such a manner that they might mean anything from governor Chamberlain to members of the city council. The very vagueness of the rumors at once disconcerted whatever effect they were intended to convey.

What more can I do? If I have investigated and probed with all the resources at my command and have found nothing which would lead me to believe that the city is in the hands of organized graft. Furthermore, I do not believe that it is. I consider such rumors and insinuations in the fair name of the city and if any person can come to me and show me that the women of the north end or the members of Chinatown or any other set or clique of citizens are paying graft money for protection I will welcome him. If there is graft I want it put down. And if there is none I do not think it fair to the city's name and reputation to continue these slanderous rumors and insinuations.

CRAZY MEXICAN USES A KNIFE

Kills a Woman, Slashes Her Son and Gets His Own Skull Cracked.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Aug. 18.—Mrs. Yorba, 45 years of age, is dead here, John Varilla, is in the hospital with five knife wounds in his body and John Macucha, a half-breed Mexican, is a prisoner at the county hospital, where he may die from a fractured skull and a bullet wound in the face, as a result of a cutting and shooting affray near Wilmington City, 18 miles south of Berkeley. Mystery surrounds the tragedy. The prisoner, who was the only person besides Mrs. Yorba, the victim of his knife, who knows its origin, refused to make any statement. John Varilla and his brother Willy heard screams from their mother's cottage. They ran to Mrs. Yorba's home and discovered Macucha chasing their mother about the place slashing at her with a large knife.

FROM HAWAII TO HOLLAND TO WED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Mobile, Ala., Aug. 15.—Wilhelm Cobins, a sugar chemist, employed on a plantation in Hawaii, who is on a 12-months journey to Holland where he is to wed, passed through Mobile. Mr. Cobins has been traveling now for almost a month. He is a prepossessing man, who left his home in the Netherlands eight years ago to practice his profession. Before starting to make his fortune he had won the heart of a Flemish girl, the daughter of a beet-sugar factory proprietor, and as soon as Mr. Cobins was able he returned to her father's home in Holland. It was agreed between them that as soon as Mr. Cobins was able he would return and claim his fiancée. The young woman's father balked at the prospect of having his daughter go so far away from Holland to make her home and proposed that his future son-in-law settle in the mother country, but was finally won over. When the pair returned to their tangaroo in Honolulu, Cobins will have traveled 23,000 miles.

PARTY RETURNS FROM PELICAN

Chamberlain Addresses the Klamath Falls Citizens in City Park.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Klamath Falls, Or., Aug. 18.—Governor Chamberlain, J. P. O'Brien and F. S. Stanley arrived from Pelican bay at noon. Dinner was served by the citizens under the auspices of the chamber of commerce. The governor addressed the people in the park. The party will return to the bay early this evening. The conference with Mr. Harrison will continue tomorrow forenoon. The visit of the Oregon men to this city is purely informal and in response to the invitation of personal friends.

CONGRATULATIONS OF TAFT TO SHERMAN

(United Press Leased Wire.) Nottingham, Aug. 18.—William H. Taft today sent a telegram of congratulations to James S. Sherman, the gubernatorial candidate, who was officially notified at Utica, N. Y. Taft expressed regret at not being present.

EIGHTEEN BLOCKS WILL BE PAVED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Roseburg, Or., Aug. 18.—City council opened this last night for blocks of paving. The Warren streets were paved. The council also bid \$84,411. The bid was delivered by the city engineer, who was the lowest bidder for the sale of bonds which will be opened Friday.