

PROMISING LIFE OF RALPH B. FISHER ENDED WITH FATAL SHOT FIRED BY JAMES H. FINCH

MURDERER GIVES VICTIM NO CHANCE FOR DEFENSE

REVENGE WAS MOTIVE FOR CRIME

Prominent Young Lawyer Seated at His Desk When Assassin Approached Him With Reassuring Words, "Hello Ralph."

Better Law Against Gun Carrying Needed.
Governor Chamberlain was greatly shocked when informed at Salem by long distance telephone this afternoon of the killing of Ralph B. Fisher by James H. Finch. He declared that the murder gave strong emphasis to the need of more effective legislation which will prevent the carrying of concealed weapons.
"Mr. Fisher's death is greatly to be lamented," said Governor Chamberlain. "I knew him well and regarded him as a young man of much promise and one who was earnestly striving to do his duty as an official of the bar association. He was independent in his way of thinking and honest and conscientious in his effort to purge the bar of unworthy members.
"I shall recommend to the next legislature the enactment of a law which will more severely punish men who carry concealed weapons. Oregon needs legislation more stringent than that now on her statute books."



Ralph B. Fisher and his little son, Ralph B. Fisher Jr. Latest photograph, taken by C. Elmore Grove because Mrs. Fisher feared he would be killed and that she would have no picture of him, Mrs. Fisher until yesterday had never seen the new photographs.

FEIGNS IGNORANCE OF DEED

Fisher's Slayer Declares He Saw Nothing of His Victim at Any Time Yesterday—Inveighs Against Men Who "Persecuted" Him—Says Never Carried a Revolver.

"I don't know what I'm here for unless it's because I'm a disbarred attorney. I'll wait and find out; you'll find me a mighty good hand at waiting, even if I am a disbarred attorney."
Speaking disconnectedly, with his hands nervously combing his gray hair, James A. Finch, who less than two hours before had shot and killed Ralph B. Fisher, the bar association's prosecutor, told of his troubles with that organization.
Not once did the tall, ungainly lawyer betray by word of mouth any knowledge of the bloody deed he had done in the Mohawk building but a short time before. But, and this was utterly discordant with his story of remembering nothing of being in the building, he gasped and choked painfully as he said "I'll find out what they have me here for, and you'll find me pretty good at waiting."
Two more in John Rometsch's saloon on Morrison street about 1 o'clock. I talked to a man named Downer there. The next thing I remember is going down in an elevator, and it seems to me that somebody stopped me, and then a policeman came along and took me to the police station.
Mentions Wife of Ten Days.
I don't know what they did it for or why I'm here, unless it's because I'm a disbarred attorney. Yes, a disbarred attorney, that's what I am. All the papers have said so, haven't they? Everybody knows it. Boys, I've got a wife and a mother; I've been married just 10 days, you remember, and I tell you it goes hard. They've handed it to me
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Speaks Clearly, Then Rambles.
Every few minutes during a conversation extending over half an hour Finch spoke of himself as a "disbarred attorney," and always in a tone of bitter resentment. He spoke with a stammer and was frequently incoherent, and again it would be perfectly connected for several sentences.
Finch, ex-newspaper man, legislative clerk and lawyer, sprawled his angular figure over his chair and the table beside it as he talked. He chewed the butt of a cigar given him and repeatedly asked the deputy sheriffs and the reporter if he was speaking clearly. He said that of a man who has weakened himself by strong drink. His figure lacks muscular development and this impression of physical weakness is accentuated by his height, for he measures fully six feet. His eyes were bloodshot, and early in the conversation traces of tears were apparent.
The interview took place in the library of the county jail. Frequently Finch turned to Deputy Sheriff Beatty and said, "Frank you know I've always tried to do the right thing, don't you?"
"Will Fisher Come Here Today?"
Once Finch, either to carry to an extreme his plan of knowing nothing whatever of what took place in Mr. Fisher's office, or to learn what his visitors would say, turned to Beatty and said, "I've been expecting to see you all day, don't you think he will come up here this afternoon? He's waiting for me here, isn't he?"
Questioned closely, Finch said: "I telephoned to Fisher at 11:30 this morning and he said he would come to my office at 3 o'clock this afternoon. I was busy dictating a brief this morning, but I asked him about my petition. He refused to sign it. Yes, he had agreed to sign it, he said he would. That's the way they handed it to me all along, and they grew anxious about persons he declined to name who, he cried, were persecuting him without reason. The petition was to have his suspension reduced to 30 days or less."
Finch said he came here today.
"I had two drinks of brandy with a policeman in Dubb's saloon on Alder street and I remember drinking one of

JAPAN'S NEW TREATY IN EFFECT

Agreement Inaugurating Policy in Far East Will Be Signed in Few Days by Secretary Root and Baron Takahira.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Nov. 28.—Secretary Root and Baron Takahira will within the next few days sign the Japanese-American agreement which will, in effect, inaugurate a new policy in the far east and make America more than ever the guardian of the "open door."
The provisions of the mutual understanding, which was exclusively forecasted in United Press dispatches early in October, have virtually been agreed upon, according to the statement of an official of the state department.
The diplomatic representatives of foreign powers, although anticipating the agreement, have been taken off their feet by the extent of its provisions. The prevailing opinion is that it supercedes the British-Japanese alliance. For all practical purposes, it constitutes a defensive alliance of the United States and Japan for the protection of mutual interests in the Chinese empire and also makes the two countries the guardians of territorial integrity of China, a function which, in the Hay agreement, was left to all the foreign powers.
There is a general expression that the present agreement will inevitably tend to lessen the influence of England and Germany in the settlement of oriental problems and will obligate the United States more than ever to look out for the interests of other powers.
The American Friends' society, which Root desired the agreement, irrespective of whether it was brought about as a friendly or a precautionary measure, to smooth out the complications that have arisen since the advent of the Japanese in Manchuria. There have been a source of much annoyance to America in the past.
The representatives of foreign powers have today been making zealous efforts to discover the terms of the treaty and fathom the intent that lies behind it.
Tokio, Nov. 28.—The news that a formal agreement between Baron Takahira and Secretary Root had been drawn up at Washington and would be signed within a few days was received here with universal rejoicing today. The members of the Japanese Liberal party, which is in control of the cabinet, has taken the announcement to mean that it will be unnecessary for Japan to proceed further with her naval expansion, which is costing so much money.
The American Friends' society, which was foremost in entertaining the Atlantic fleet during its visit to Japan, holds these forthcoming conventions as a sign that Japan will have nothing to fear from America and that she can afford to reduce her enormous navy

South Portland Republicans Refuse to Countenance Fultonites' Scheme to Circumvent Will of People on Chamberlain's Election.
"Personally, I am not a pledge-breaker and am opposed to the Pledge-breakers' league. Promises to the people by candidates for public offices are among the most sacred of all obligations. To my mind it is dishonorable to even think of breaking such a pledge." W. P. Lillis, president of the South Portland Republican club, does not believe in the honorableness of the effort being made to influence members of the legislature by the direct election of United States senators to disregard their pledge and break their word given to the people at the election of last June. Neither do the members of that organization.
Club an Active One.
The South Portland club is the most active and influential political organization in the state with the possible exception of the Union club. When the latter organization was created by the consolidation of the Beaver Republican club and the Portland Republican club, an effort was made to induce the South Portland club to join in the movement. The members of the organization, however, decided to retain their identity and would not merge. Since that time this club has held a prominent place in the political work of the city and county and has taken a more aggressive part in the recent campaigns than any other organization. During the campaign of last April and June, when the senatorial question was at its height, the South Portland club took a prominent part in the campaign, holding many open meetings to which representatives of the other clubs were invited for the purpose of discussion and debate. As a result of these meetings the club membership lined up strongly in favor of the Statement No. 1 principle.
Strong efforts have been made in the recent past to induce the club to take part in the election now being conducted by Senator Fulton and his followers against the election of Governor Chamberlain. President Lillis in discussing the situation last night said:
No Honorable Evasion.
"Some of the Republicans who are deceiving themselves with the thought that there are 'honorable means' that may be employed to induce Statement No. 1 members of the legislature to violate their pledge have importuned me to call a meeting of the South Portland Republican club to pass resolutions approving such a course. I have talked with most of our members and they are practically a unit in condemning the thought of such an action. The statement No. 1 question is thoroughly understood in South Portland. In the campaign last spring our club opened its doors for discussion of this question. We had the champions of Statement and anti-Statement before the club in public meetings four times, both singly and in joint discussion. The overwhelming opinion of the people who heard these discussions was in favor of Statement No. 1. The Republican vote last April and June in South Portland shows this. In one of the joint discussions before the club it was so clear that the anti-Statement forces had no right nor reason on their side that some dirty politicians uncorked a bottle of sulphureted hydrogen and stunk the audience out of the hall. In the last campaign we put up the champions of Statement No. 1 against the field, but in all Portland and Clatsop and Clatskanie, Stephenson dared to publicly uphold the anti-

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275 LIVES LOST IN "MODEL" MINE DISASTER

Terrible Story of Explosion at Mariana Where Workmen Are Imprisoned Under 670 Feet of Debris—Little Hope For Rescue of Anyone of Shift.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)
Mariana, Nov. 28.—Rescue parties report having reached the imprisoned miners and found them all dead.
At midnight the rescuers, forced through a portion of the shaft, came upon the bodies of 142 men, most of whom had been killed instantaneously by the debris falling upon them from the force of the explosion. Many of the bodies were badly mangled. Eighteen bodies were immediately carried to the top of the shaft, where they were placed in coffins. Six others killed at the top of the shaft had been previously recovered. Whether any more remain in the wrecked mine will not be known until morning.
When she learned that her husband was among the dead, Mrs. Joseph Jones broke through the guard of 50 state constabulary and attempted to dash herself to the bottom of the mine. She was caught and restrained just as she was about to make the fatal jump. Mrs. George Acker became violently insane when she learned that her husband was in the mine. She was placed under restraint.

Mariana, Pa., Nov. 28.—Within three minutes after a state inspector and the mine superintendent had returned from an inspection of the district, the model Mariana mine of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal company was blown up by a tremendous explosion today. Two hundred and seventy-five men are entombed beneath the thousands of tons of coal caving in upon them, at a depth of 640 feet, and the authorities do not believe a single man has escaped. The Mariana mine, which has been in operation less than three months, was considered the model mine of the world. Every device known to modern invention had been installed to prevent just such a tragedy as occurred today. But now, wrecked by a mysterious explosion, the very machinery which was to have made accident impossible is hampering the rescuers at work, for they do not understand the wonderful mechanism which bolstered the great mine with such a network of contrivances that the diggers cannot

RIDE WITH DEATH DOWN A FLUME

Paul Gein for the Second Time Gives Grim Monster the Hee-Haw.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)
Weaverville, Cal., Nov. 28.—Paul Gein was washed down the La Grange flume, a distance of 3600 feet, this morning. Swept along by 6000 inches of water running with terrific velocity and tossed about among boulders varying in weight from 100 pounds to 1000, Gein escaped with his life, receiving only bruises on his hand and body. That he escaped death by drowning is marvelous. George Bosmer was also washed down the flume a distance of 16 feet. He escaped all harm by climbing out of the flume before the full force of the torrent struck him.
Going up the walkway along the side of the flume, Bosmer saw Gein dart by. Gein had fallen in above. He remained cool and collected, battling for his life, struggling to keep from drowning in the sluiceway where water ran three feet deep and with force enough to sweep along boulders by the hundreds and hoping to escape death at the mouth of the flume where all the rocks are dumped in a pile. Bosmer called out to Gein, expecting to find Gein's dead body. He was not dead, nor was he unconscious. The great rush of water carried him 50 feet beyond the mouth of the flume and over the rock pile. The drop was one of 15 feet into loose gravel. Gein was bruised but no bones were broken. Gein had exactly the same experience four years ago in the same flume and escaped then without breaking a bone.

Next Congress Will Revise
If This One Does Not, J. J. Hill Says—Reciprocity With Canada.
New York, Nov. 28.—"If this congress does not revise the tariff, then the next congress will. The people will attend to that part of the question." James J. Hill, foremost promoter of the northwest and champion of the northwest farmers, made this assertion today.
He had been talking on a different subject with George W. Perkins, chairman of the finance committee of the steel trust, when asked for an expression of views on Carnegie's declaration against a protective tariff, particularly on steel.
"I have not read Mr. Carnegie's article," said Hill, "so I cannot discuss it in detail, but my views on the tariff, particularly on the question of reciprocity with Canada, I have expressed on various occasions."
"I believe the most natural and rational, the most highly profitable commercial status between Canada and the United States is absolute freedom of trade."
"That commerce must eventually move unprejudiced between these two peoples is self-evident. Why not strike off the shackles now and let it move more freely instead of paying the heavy penalty of delay?"
Hill went to Washington today, but he said he did not intend to appear before the house committee that is conducting an inquiry on the tariff schedule.

WHAT INDUSTRIES REALLY DO

"The importance of manufacturing establishments is not fully realized by unthinking people," said Frank W. Swanton, manager of the Columbia Milling company. "When the mere announcement is made by a concern that a factory of some importance will be built in a locality there is at once renewed activity, values increase, homes and business houses are built and the locality becomes of importance. Take the peninsula, for instance, which has been all astir for some years since the assurance was given that the Swift plant would be established down there. When the mere assurance of a concern creates such activity what will the realization of such industries accomplish? Encourage the manufacturers, we need all we can secure and the most effective way to get new ones is to support what we have. When others see them prospering they too will come, knowing that Portland is a good field. The multiplication of home industries means bigger population, greater circulation of money, the exposure of our hidden treasures, the development of our raw materials, the upbuilding of the state and general prosperity."

LURE OF SNOW SPELLS DEATH

California Boys Succumb to Unaccustomed Wintry Environment.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)
Ventura, Cal., Nov. 28.—Frozen to death in southern California seems an impossibility, but this is what happened near Santa Paula on Thanksgiving night to three sons of well known people of that city. The boys were Clifford and Cuba Tharp, 17 and 9 years old, and sons of D. S. Tharp. The other little chap was John Blais, 13, son of Jacob Blais.
On Thanksgiving morning the mountains all about Santa Paula were heavily covered with snow from the severe storm of the previous night. The three lads decided to visit the snow belt on the San Cayetano range, about five miles north of Santa Paula. They went without coats and took nothing to eat, as they said they would be back for Thanksgiving dinner.
They did not return at dinner time and searching parties found their bodies huddled together at the mouth of a timber canyon at 3 o'clock this afternoon. It was evident that, overtaken by night and exhausted, the boys had lain down to sleep in the snow and had fallen into the lasting sleep.



Mrs. Ralph Fisher and Her Little Son