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BANK THIEF SLIPS OFFICERS, BOARDS TRAIN

STOP THE TALK OF ROBBERS OF BANK

Pinkertons Receive Clues From Roseburg, Or., and Ogden, Utah—Some of Loot Said to Be Found in Latter City.

MONEY IS IDENTIFIED. Ogden, Utah, Dec. 15.—The money found in the wrapper of a Salt Lake newspaper and secured at the general delivery window at the postoffice is reported as positively identified this afternoon as some of the bills taken from the East Side bank in Portland at the time of the robbery last week. The money was found by Charles Price, who turned the bills in to the department.

Ogden, Utah, Dec. 15.—The local authorities as well as the government officers are filled with "charmin" over the "charmin" in which the mysterious "Charles Price" was allowed to slip through their fingers. A well dressed stranger appeared at the general delivery window of the Ogden postoffice and asked for mail for Charles Price. The postoffice clerk became agitated, and noticing this, the stranger hurried out of the building.

Authorities at Salt Lake were immediately notified and given a description, but Price fooled them again.

He left the train at a small station known as Woodcross, half way between the two cities. Since that time his disappearance has been complete.

Charles Price, a plasterer residing at Five Points, an Ogden suburb, the postal authorities forwarded the paper to this substitution where the poor laborer was started upon opening it to discover \$1400. He hurried to a bank, thinking some box had been played, and there the money was pronounced genuine and a description of the record of the numbers on the bills being taken.

The postal authorities and police were notified by the plasterer. It was after all of this had transpired that the mysterious stranger appeared at the postoffice and was frightened away when he requested mail.

Communication between President H. H. Newell of the Portland bank which was robbed and the local authorities, both government and city, has been established and a description of the stolen currency is now on the way to Ogden.

While the authorities are exerting every possible effort to capture the mysterious "Price," but with little hopes of success, as his disappearance appears to be that of the typical clever crook.

Local police say today that Portland detectives (Pinkertons) have started for this city determined to aid in the chase after Price.

PRESIDENT ASKS THAT GOVERNMENT SUE NEW YORK WORLD FOR LIBEL



President Roosevelt, Who Would Have Congress Sue the New York World for Libel.

JOHNSON GETS LIFE SENTENCE

Holock's Slayer Listens to Judge's Words Without Quiver of Emotion.

Without a quiver of emotion, and with the same sullen, straight-ahead look that he maintained while on trial, Matt Johnson stood before Judge Cleland in the circuit court this morning and heard the words that will put him behind the penitentiary bars for life.

UNCLE SAM MAY OWN STEAMSHIPS

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—An inspection board comprising Colonel J. B. Bellinger, superintendent of the army transport service, and Chief Engineer John Donnelly and Captain Scott of the transport service, is completing an inspection of the steamers Sierra, Sonoma and Ventura, of the ocean steamship line, with the probable purchase of them by the government in view.

POINTS WAY TO SUPREMACY

"The late dispatches telling of the intention of the Great Northern railway to establish a coastwise service between Portland and San Francisco and the completion of their North Bank road into our city is another link in the chain of development that is bound to make Portland second to no other city on the Pacific coast," said E. L. Thompson of Hartman & Thompson, bankers.

Executive Says Pulitzer's Paper Has Distorted Facts About Panama Canal.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Asking that the government prosecute Joseph Pulitzer, owner of the New York World, for libel on the good name of the United States in connection with charges of fraud in the purchase of the Panama canal, President Roosevelt today sent a vigorously worded special message to congress, with which he transmitted all the records and papers concerning the deal.

The message in part follows: "In view of the constant reiteration of the assertion that there was some corrupt action by or on behalf of the United States government in the acquisition of the title of the French company to the Panama canal, I deem it wise to submit to congress all the information I have on the subject."

"It is idle to say that the known character of Mr. Pulitzer and his paper is such that statements in the paper should be believed by nobody, but unfortunately there are thousands who believe statements they see printed, even though they are in Pulitzer's paper. Congressmen actually have been induced to introduce a resolution with reference to these charges."

"He did not become secretary until after the transaction was closed. The man who took the trouble to ascertain that he was not connected with any phase of the deal. No shadow of proof can be produced to support the statement that he is a liar and a scoundrel. The fact that they are libels upon the government."

"I don't believe you should concern yourselves with the individual writers of the articles. The real offender is Pulitzer. The great injury is the blackening of the good name of the American people."

MORE INSANITY AMONG JAPANESE

Dr. Saito Says the Occidental Life Is Playing the Mischievous.

Seattle, Dec. 15.—Dr. K. Saito, director of the Aoyama hospital for the insane at Tokyo, Japan, in his city enroute to Berlin.

KING EDWARD VERY SICK MONARCH



King Edward of England, Who Is Reported to Be Very Ill.

London, Dec. 15.—From sources of unquestioned reliability it was learned today that the royal family's physicians are deeply concerned over the king's condition. That Edward himself realizes the gravity of his illness is indicated by the fact that he is rapidly unloading many government responsibilities on the shoulders of the Prince of Wales.

LIGHTHOUSE MEN ASKED VIEWS

Captain James Pond, United States lighthouse inspector of the Thirteenth district, which comprises Oregon, Washington and Alaskan waters, and Major Charles McIntrye, United States engineer corps, in charge of the same territory, have been ordered to submit to the lighthouse board a joint report stating their views on the removal of the offices of the respective departments from this city to Bellingham, Wash.

MRS. ANNIS IN THE HAINS CASE

Widow of Victim Appears at Scene of Trial—State Counsel Reinforced.

Flushing, L. I., Dec. 15.—The state today surprised the attorneys defending Thornton Jenkins Hains, Justice of the Peace, designated James A. Dayton and Elmer S. White as special prosecutors to assist the state in the prosecution of the trial. The announcement brought forth strenuous objections from Chief Counsel McIntyre of the defense.

CHIEF BIGGY'S BODY IS RECOVERED FROM WATERS OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY

Mystery of Official's Disappearance Partly Explained by Finding of Corpse.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—A body positively identified as that of Chief of Police William J. Biggy was found in the bay today, clad in a heavy black overcoat and with the hands clasped tightly behind the back.

The body was sighted floating in the bay about half past seven o'clock, and the Vallejo street wharf, by the pilot of the Southern Pacific freight steamer Transit. The pilot reported the sighting to the police.

The disappearance of Chief Biggy from the police launch on the night of November 30 followed a visit to the home of Police Commissioner Kell at Belvedere, across the bay from the city, which was reported to have been greatly affected by allegations of inefficiency and misconduct against him which appeared in the newspapers.

That Chief of Police Biggy closely questioned Assistant Autopsy Surgeon Richard V. Montague, Portland, State Engineer, who was in charge of the identification and disposal of the bodies of the drowned persons was revealed today by Davis.

EMMA GOLDMAN DID NOT SPEAK

Police of Bellingham Put Stop to Anarchist's Talks by Causing Arrests.

Bellingham, Wash., Dec. 15.—Boasting that they would not leave the city until they were ready, Miss Emma Goldman and her husband, Dr. Ben Reitman, departed from Bellingham today at 10 o'clock for Vancouver, B. C., without even attempting to lecture here.

CASTRO SEEKS GERMAN'S HELP

Negotiations Are Pending Whereby Venezuela Desires to Form Alliance in Return for Concessions—Dutch Seize Another Ship.



W. J. Biggy, Late Chief of Police, San Francisco.

WATER CODE IS TO BE ASKED

Oregon Conservation Commission Appoints Committee to Draft Bill.

The deliberations and discussions of the Oregon conservation commission yesterday at the Commercial club resulted in a determination to present a bill for passage by the legislature codifying the water laws and enacting new legislation which is intended to render definite and secure titles to all water rights.

BANK ROBBERS SECURE \$15,000

McAlester, Okla., Dec. 15.—The safe of the First National bank of Eufaula, Oklahoma, was blown open with dynamite today by robbers, who escaped with \$15,000 in gold. A posse is in pursuit of the thieves.

VOICE OF THE PRESS—DISHONOR

They have given a solemn written pledge to vote as the state primaries directed. They can break this pledge, of course, but if they do they will probably never have another chance to dishonor themselves and the country, which pretty generally favors the election of senators by popular vote.

Two Men and Women Are Charged With Robbery by Fellow Passengers.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Because their alleged offense of drugging and robbing two passengers on the steamer Senator occurred on the Columbia river near Astoria, Or., beyond the jurisdiction of the local police, two men and two women, giving the names of Signey Le Coos, Hugh Adkins, Addie Roe and Fannie Watkins, were today released by Captain of Detectives James Kelly, who examined them last night after they had been brought ashore from the vessel.

KNOCKOUT DROPS ON S. S. SENATOR

The authorities on the vessel were asked to investigate and a search was made for Le Coos, who was traveling under the name of F. Dolan. Not until the Senator docked at Astoria did Le Coos put in an appearance. John W. Walker, who was on duty on Friday night after the vessel left Portland, Murdoch and another man, who said he was a son of the recorder of Los Angeles county, were found unconscious, apparently the victims of knockout drops. Murdoch complained of having been robbed of \$40.

Passengers Chase Le Coos.

The alleged robbery took place on the deck of the Senator, and the passengers gave chase down the wharf. Murray adding to the excitement by firing his pistol three times into the air. Le Coos was captured hiding behind a pile of boxes and was compelled to return to the vessel.

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The little woman coolly pushed the revolver from her face and gave Murray a resounding slap in the face, sending him spinning into the arms of Stewart John Walker, who wrenched the weapon from him.

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