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YESTERDAY WAS

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PORTLAND-HOLD-UP MEN CAPTURED

BANDITS WHO STOOD UP LOCAL SALOON LAST NIGHT MAY HAVE ROBBED O. R. & N.

PATROLMAN IS CAUSE OF ARRESTS

Watches Gang and Gave Alarm So They Could Be Overhauled—Victim of Thugs Identifies "the Swede."

Three rogues suspected of having been the principals in the many holdups that have occurred on the east and west sides of the river within the past three weeks and who may later be identified as the men who held up the O. R. & N. train night before last, are in the custody of the police. A victim of the thugs has identified at least one of them as the man who robbed him last night in A. M. Hyatt's saloon, 289 Fifth street. The one of the trio of criminals who is called "the Swede" seems to answer to the description of the fellow who was most vicious in the attacks on the engineer of the O. R. & N. passenger train. He is a surly brute, evidently used to committing desperate crimes.

The three thugs were captured within five hours after "stealing" Hyatt's. They gave the names of Oscar Johnson, Chris Bons and Harry Benson, and defiantly faced the entire detective force this morning and sneered when they were charged with the deed.

But at the instant when they were denying their guilt, Thomas Killon broke through the ranks of the officers and pointing to Harry Benson, who is apparently a Swede, cried "That's the man who took my watch last night." Benson never flinched. The watch was found on him.

The capture of Johnson, who is evidently the leader of the trio; Benson and Bons is considered the most important made by the officers for a long time, and it was due to the good work of a patrolman.

Despite the efforts of the detective bureau to seize the men they were unsuccessful. About 1:30 this morning Patrolman Arnold saw a man quietly enter a small lodging house over a saloon at the northwest corner of East Water street and Hawthorne avenue. Before long a second man also quietly entered. Arnold became much interested and watched. The hold-up of A. M. Hyatt's saloon at 289 Fifth street, opposite the city hall, at midnight, had already been reported to him. His vigilance was rewarded by the appearance of a third man.

Called His Superior. Arnold then called Sergeants Keller and Klein and directed them to enter the room. Arnold remained outside to prevent an attempt to escape, while Keller, Klein and Officers Polley went to the room. After repeated knocks the door was half opened. The muzzles of the officers were pointed at the three men, Benson and Bons, who were all in the room, were in no condition to fight, and quickly surrendered. Johnson, the leader of the gang, who says he is a Norwegian but does not look it, remarked as he was being led away, "I'd had my way about opening that."

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Harry Benson, a Scandinavian.



Oscar Johnson, the leader.



Chris Bons.

ALBERT JOHNSON AGAIN AT LARGE

Believed to Be a Peer's Son—Accused of Swindling Women He Wooed.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Albert Johnson, a steward of the Australian liner Lord Sefton, believed to be Hector Jewell, son of Lord Forsythe Jewell of Queensland, is again at large after a sensational escape from his guards aboard the vessel. Johnson is suspected of having fleeced five young Australian women of jewelry and valuables under promises of marriage, has twice been under arrest by the authorities and twice escaped.

After learning that the suspected man was again missing, Captain Campbell of the Sefton notified the immigration authorities that an alien member of his crew had gone ashore. The bureau in turn notified the police and the United States district attorney. The federal officers, however, exonerated Captain Campbell on the showing that he had exercised proper care to prevent the escape of Johnson.

The police have been instructed to arrest the leader of the trio, who is an alien subject to deportation.

STORE CLERK FALLS HEIR TO \$23,000 BUT CONTINUES AT WORK

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) North Yakima, Wash., Dec. 19.—While weighing out a package of sugar in the grocery store of Fordney brothers this morning, J. D. Viers, a clerk, was handed a letter which advised him that he had become heir to property valued at \$23,000. His mother died in 1902, leaving an estate valued at \$20,000.

It is discouraging to think that such a thing could be even discussed. The Oregon law may not be a good law—we would certainly prefer not to try it in California, at any rate—but the people of Oregon passed it, and it is their privilege to repeal it and pass another if they do not like it. At least, they acted under the law. The people of Oregon wanted. They knew he was a Democrat, and had already once chosen him governor as a Democrat. The law does not give them the right to choose him senator, but it does give them the right to express their desire, on the basis of their own choice. The law does not require the legislators to comply with that desire, but it does authorize them to do so. The law does not require the legislators to comply with that desire, but it does authorize them to do so.

INVENTOR KILLS CURB BROKER

John C. Lumsden Murders Harry B. Snydam in New York.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Dec. 19.—Harry B. Snydam, a curb broker, living at Plainfield, N. J., was fatally shot today by a man giving the name of John C. Lumsden, who says he is an inventor. The police have not been able to ascertain the motive for the deed.

According to George Downs, a witness of the shooting, Lumsden engaged the broker in conversation in his office and then pulling a revolver from his pocket, shot Snydam in the abdomen. Lumsden has refused to make any statement.

BOMB OR GIANT UNDER CABOOSE KILLED MAN WITH UMBRELLA; 5 YEARS

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Dr. B. B. Lee, an advertising physician, yesterday afternoon received from Judge Donne a sentence of five years in San Quentin for manslaughter. A few months ago he struck Captain McCarthy in the eye with an umbrella during an altercation. Shortly afterward the victim died from his injury.

Trainmen at Stockton, Cal., Have Narrow Escape From Death.

Stockton, Cal., Dec. 19.—The caboose of a freight train sidetracked in this city, was shattered by some powerful explosive last night, and Conductor P. J. DeLoach and brakeman L. E. Archer, who were asleep at the time, met with painful but not serious injuries. Their clothing was blown half a block away and it is considered remarkable that the two men were not killed.

LET CHRISTMAS BE FIRELESS

New York Underwriters Put the Ban on Tinsel Shows.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Dec. 19.—The board of fire underwriters of this city has set its official face against Christmas trees and has issued a circular which particularly states that "the use of other decorative displays are not approved by the underwriters, and that if machines and other inflammables are introduced into residences or public buildings where policies are held the extra hazard will render the policies void."

The fire underwriters call the attention of the public to the "disastrous fires which have occurred not only in mercantile establishments, but in churches, public buildings, etc., caused by the introduction of such decorations and exhibitions," and declare that "the danger to life and property is so great that the practical prohibition of this class of display is deemed necessary."

Nebraska Terrorized by Gang That Has Cracked Safes in Three Towns—Escape in Machine After Looting Bank at Ceresco.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 19.—Robbers, believed to be the "automobile desperado" who have been terrorizing the state, blew the safe in the State bank at Ceresco, 20 miles north of here, early today and escaped with \$3000 in currency. If they are the same thieves who robbed the banks at Keene and Gibbon they have secured nearly \$10,000 in 24 hours.

Only three robbers were engaged in the looting of the Ceresco bank this morning, though six were seen in their automobile as they left Gibbon yesterday.

The three men at Ceresco stole a five-year rig, which they used to escape, but they deserted it about 15 miles out of town. James Boyle of Ceresco was passing the bank at the time of the robbery. The lookout held him at the point of a revolver forced him to go into the bank. There he was gagged and bound. When the cashier opened the bank today the robbery was first learned through the discovery of Boyle, still securely fastened to the chair and hardly able to breathe.

STANDS FIRM FOR YOUNG'S NOMINATION

Efforts to Induce President to Withdraw Name of Portland Man Recommended by Bourne Have Failed.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 19.—The attempt to induce President Roosevelt to withdraw Young's nomination will fail. Before sending Young's name to the senate as his nominee for postmaster of Portland, Or., the president and the postmaster general went into the matter thoroughly, canvassed objections which at that time it was known would be registered, and finally decided that Young should be nominated.

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Telegrams and letters have been sent to Fulton from Portland protesting against Young's appointment, but the White House and the postoffice department will not be swayed from the course already mapped out, which was based on this understanding. The Portland nomination is a matter of pure patronage, properly belongs to Bourne, as it is his home town. The nominee must stand as a man of high character and as one acquainted with Oregon's development and the local needs of Portland.

Bourne's relative strength at the White House has already been proved by the fact that the president nominates Bourne's choice. The whole matter was then up to the senate postoffice committee. Bourne is a member of this committee and therefore occupies a vantage point.

Not Interested. Hawley is not interested, because Portland is not in his district. He said specifically to me that he was taking no part in the fight for the reason that the appointment was in Bourne's home town and therefore was not a matter for the whole delegation to handle. It resolves itself then into a question of Fulton's being able to find a basis for action other than political, inasmuch as Fulton resides in another city.

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W. P. A LINK IN WORD GIRDLER

North German Lloyd to Bring and Carry on Both Seas.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Dec. 19.—The plans of the North German Lloyd Steamship company to make its line a world-girdling service received added impetus today with the unofficial announcement that the German company's officials have been negotiating with the officers of the Western Pacific railroad for a traffic agreement on transpacific freight. The Western Pacific has been negotiating for piers and wharves along the water front in anticipation of an extended service to the ports of the orient.

Railway and steamship men here are certain that the water carriers of the world line will be the North German Lloyd. The German company has announced that on the completion of the Panama canal it will operate steamers from New York to San Francisco and thence to the orient. It is pointed out that the agreement between the steamship company and the railroad only hastens the announced plans of the line, the officials of which have been ambitious for many years to establish a fleet of steamships that shall encircle the globe.

Collector Tells of His Thefts

E. C. Ward Had Robbed Petaluma of \$1300 and Planned Suicide.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Petaluma, Cal., Dec. 19.—E. C. Ward, a clean-cut, well-mannered and efficient tax collector of this city, confessed last night to City Clerk Arthur Newberg that he had embezzled \$1300 of the city's money. The confession declared Ward's office vacant and City Attorney W. H. Early was appointed in his place.

Rather Steal Than Beg; Sent to Jail

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 19.—"I won't steal if I can get a job, judge, but I would rather steal than beg," said Bert Shepard, a 19-year-old Portland boy, in police court here.

Measles and Mumps Among Recruits

DOUBLE MAGAZINE SUPPLEMENT FOR SUNDAY READING

CITY EXPENSES TO BE MUCH HIGHER

Mayor Lane Submits Budget for 1909 to Council at Special Session—Tax Levy Will Exceed the 4.6 Mills of 1908.

It will cost considerably more, during the year 1909, to pay the running expenses of the city of Portland than was required for 1908, according to the budget submitted by Mayor Lane to the city council and read to that body at the special meeting of the council this morning. The mayor estimates the total receipts and balances for 1909 for the general fund at \$663,614.86, and the disbursements and transfers at \$664,421.20. The latter will fully cover both the estimated receipts and the small balance that may remain on hand January 1.

In addition to the general fund, the mayor estimates that it will be necessary to provide by tax levy or otherwise \$112,294.50 on account of special funds created by charter which may be provided for by tax levy.

Levy Must Be Larger. The mayor in his report to the council states that, according to the assessor, the total value of the city's personal property upon which the council has power to levy taxes is \$21,538,410, or with the usual deduction of 1 per cent for errors, double assessments, etc., and the 3 per cent allowed for payment of taxes within stated time, in round numbers about \$20,000,000 upon which a levy for the special funds provided in the city charter.

Judge Lawlor Defers to Next Thursday With an Ultimatum.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Judge Lawlor today postponed until next Thursday the sentencing of Abe Ruef, recently convicted on a charge of bribing Supervisor John J. Furey, to secure his vote on overhead trolley franchise.

Double Magazine Supplement for Sunday Reading

The Sunday Morning Journal tomorrow has a special line of Christmas goods to offer. You ought to buy the paper, if you are not a regular subscriber, and be convinced that the Sunday Journal Magazine is the most interesting newspaper of its kind published on the Pacific coast. Here are some of tomorrow's features:

THE SUNDAY JOURNAL IS THE BEST

DUTCH ACTING WITH REBELS

Forces on Warships Eager to Land and Assist in Overthrowing Castro's Power—Castro, at Berlin, Makes a Bluff at Resistance by Ordering Arms.

(United Press Leased Wire.) The Hague, Dec. 19.—The warships of Holland are plying the Venezuelan waters ready to aid the revolutionists who have risen against President Cipriano Castro whenever the movement promises success, according to an official announcement made at the foreign office today.

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out a statement that advises received by the officials indicate that the Venezuelan trouble may be settled without success, according to an official announcement made at the foreign office today.

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