

# GERMAN BARON FIRES OF SEA AND PORTLAND

## RESERVED FOR EXPORT

Girls, there is a real baron in Portland—and he's in jail. But listen, the baron is but 18 years old and he's going to be here only a few weeks. Then he leaves for a long voyage on the high seas bound for Europe.

That von Metzsch was arrested by the federal authorities this morning as a deserter from the German ship Oregon. He had a hearing before United States Commissioner Mearns and turned over to O. Lohan, acting coroner. Then the baron was taken to jail.

## Says He Was Justified in Shooting and Killing Vencenza Desantis.

Antonio Petrasco, charged with the murder of Vencenza Desantis on September 22, the day of a wedding feast, took the witness stand in his own behalf this morning and told brokenly the story of the crime with which he is charged.

## Fifteen Talesmen Are Examined With But Little Gain—Lawyer Accused of Murder Takes Full Charge of His Own Defense

These are made use of by showing them to prospective jurors and asking them if they have read certain editorials or cartoons. In short, the talesmen are the cartoon of an empty allowance, and a significant caption as to the time having come to use it. Jurors who have read editorials and seen these cartoons are excused by the defense as a rule.

One juror was all that was added to the list at the trial of James A. Finch, slayer of Ralph E. Fisher, by over two hours of examination of talesmen in Judge Bronaugh's department of the circuit court this morning. During this time 15 men were questioned, making a total of 34 men examined since the jury was opened yesterday morning.

This morning's session was prosy and dull, and the talesmen were not so frequent as in the past. The talesmen were frequently excused by the defense as a rule. The talesmen were frequently excused by the defense as a rule.

Finch Leads Fight. If Finch is greatly worried he does not show it in his manner. With his mind fully occupied in the legal fray, he toils to bring the trial to a close as he is as much as the case during the preliminaries of arraignment and plea.

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## House Members Wait to See Which Way Cat Will Jump When Legislature Opens—Organization So Far Not Mapped Out.

Will there be a caucus in the house after all? How is it going to be organized and who is going to organize it? Nobody knows. Everything depends. Much of it depends upon E. Bean of Lane county, one of the candidates for speaker. Some of it depends on C. McArthur, the leader of the opposition.

Now, however, at this time the time is changing. Just as the caucus was being organized, the organization of the house is being mapped out.

McArthur contends that he has 21 or 22 votes, but it is argued by the opposition that he has not more than 10 votes. The caucus is being organized, and the organization of the house is being mapped out.

There can be no caucus unless the 14 men signed up to stand together decide to go into the caucus. They will not do so unless they see that the caucus is worth the effort.

Finch Makes Objection. R. Hunter, who conducted a hotel at Fairview, also had an impression, but said he would give the defendant a fair trial. Finch advised his lawyers against the taking of the case, and was dismissed by using a peremptory.

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## Coldest December Weather in 17 Years for Portland

Last night was the coldest December night Portland has experienced for 17 years. The previous coldest night was recorded on the night of December 13, 1891, when the temperature fell to 24 degrees below zero.

## Fire Chief Gives His Side of Controversy Over Water Hydrants.

In regard to the controversy over the hydrant matter, Fire Chief Campbell makes the following statement: "Advertisement for bids to furnish 150 hydrants was published by the water board on May 10, 1907.

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## Veto on Colorado Boundary Change

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## Immunity Bath for J. Dalzell Brown

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—(United Press.)—J. Dalzell Brown, a prominent San Francisco banker, was granted immunity from prosecution for the murder of a woman.

## Fairbanks Names INAUGURAL COMMITTEE

Washington, Dec. 19.—(United Press.)—Vice President Fairbanks today announced a senatorial committee of Senators Knox, Lodge and Bacon to cooperate with a committee from the lower house in making preparations for the inauguration of President-elect Taft.

## German Barges Alleged to Have Robbed

Police believe suspect is a member of organized waterfront gang. C. Lunstedt, whom the detectives firmly believe to be a member of an organized gang of thieves operating in the waterfront, was arrested.

## More's Council in Star Chamber

Prospective legislation affecting electric light and power in the city is the subject of an executive session of the Northwest Electric Light and Power association in the assembly hall of the city.

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In every tragedy there is always a note of comedy. The holdup of the Hyatt saloon, opposite the city hall, last night, had an unusually strong one.

## Five Cheers Out of Stand

Investigation into the reasons why more than a hundred hydrants were left untested last summer was resumed this afternoon, and Chief Engineer Campbell's report was read.

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