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CASTRO'S ADHERENTS TRY TO OVERTHROW GOMEZ

FACTORYS IN FIERCE CLASH, TWO KILLED

CASTRO'S MEN ROUTED BY GOMEZ

Caracas Scene of Wild Rioting and Many Persons Are Injured.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Caracas, Dec. 24.—Two anti-Castroists were killed and a hundred persons were injured in the course of a clash this afternoon between supporters of Gomez and the remnant of Castro's party. A demonstration in support of Gomez was in progress in which thousands of people participated.

The people of Caracas commenced gathering in the public squares surrounding the government buildings at an early hour. Many people from the outlying districts augmented the throng and by noon a tremendous mob was marching up and down the streets, howling derision at the mention of their former president's name. The property of Castro's aides and the home of the former president were badly damaged by the mob. The remnants of Castro's army in this vicinity gathered in a remote portion of the city and tried to start a counter demonstration in honor of the deposed president. This was the signal for a wild outburst of frenzy on the part of Gomez sympathizers and a pitched battle resulted.

The Castro supporters for the most part were armed with revolvers and rifles, while the Gomez men for the most part had to resort to the use of stones and clubs. It was in this clash that the two anti-Castroists were killed. The few regular organized troops of President Gomez were called into action but it was some time before any semblance of order was restored.

The arrival of the Gomez troops prevented heavy losses.

The employees of the government printing office and El Constitucional, the chief defenders of Castro, were routed. After the fighting thousands were addressed by Pineda, they shouted, "Down with tyranny; death to Castro."
The purpose of today's meeting was to promise support to Gomez in his publication of the decree announcing Holland's declaration of war but it soon resulted in an anti-Castroist demonstration. On behalf of Gomez reforms were promised.

CASTRO VIRTUALLY ABANDONS CLAIM TO PRESIDENCY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Berlin, Dec. 24.—Cipriano Castro today gave out a statement in which he virtually abandons claim to the presidency of Venezuela. The statement follows:

"After taking cognizance of everything printed in the newspapers from Venezuela I doubt the attitude therein attributed to the government at Caracas. But I will have more to say on this subject when I am in better health and when I have full knowledge of what has occurred."

"In any event I shall place no difficulties in the way of the present administration of Venezuela in settling pending controversies with foreign powers."
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Wife of Attache



Frau Von Livonius, one of the most beautiful women in Washington, is the charming young wife of the military attache of the German embassy. She is a great social favorite.

ARMY MUST BE MADE EFFECTIVE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Washington, Dec. 24.—The most urgent need of the United States army at present is an adequate remedy for the evils resulting from detached service of officers, says Major General J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff, in his annual report, made public today.
He also says that the time has arrived when the United States can no longer afford to maintain an inadequate army for peace needs, nor an army with an antiquated organization.

FINCH TELLS STORY OF CRIME

Slayer of Lawyer Fisher Takes Stand in His Own Behalf—Betrays Not the Slightest Emotion Before Crowded Courtroom.

With a voice that never faltered, betraying in his manner no consciousness of the awful issue of life or death that confronts him, James A. Finch this morning took the stand in the circuit court to tell his version of the death of Ralph B. Fisher at his hands on November 28.

There was a breathless moment in the courtroom when Finch raised his hand and took the oath to tell "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." The greatest crowd since the trial began gathered in the courtroom as he took his seat in the witness chair, which he approached with a step and an appearance of self-composure such as few men might be expected to exhibit under such circumstances. In his buttonhole he jauntily wore a sprig of mistletoe.

When the man recess came Finch had not reached the actual stage of the shooting of Fisher. His long recital included first a detailed account of his movements from the time he heard of his suspension on the Tuesday night before the tragedy, and then of what he did on that fatal Saturday. Incidentally he denied the statements made by B. A. Rounds and Charles Downer as to threats made by him against the life of Fisher. For two hours and a half he dealt in details of his life, going back now and then to forgotten incidents and apparently delaying as long as possible the time when he must tell of the scene in the Mohawk building when he fired the fatal shots.

Finch's reference to the killing of Fisher were carefully and diplomatically worded. First he spoke of Fisher meaning "his unfortunate death," and again he alluded to it as "this unfortunate occurrence."

"I felt as if I were the victim of a trap," was one of his expressions regarding his suspension from the practice of law under the prosecution begun by Fisher. He painted Fisher as a man who did not keep his word, who broke his promises, and obstinate in resisting the plea of mercy Fisher promised to best the petition to reinstate him, he declared, and then refused even to sign it.

"Thought It Too Warm."
"I felt sick at heart when I read in The Journal at Corvallis that I had been suspended," he said. "I felt that."
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DOOMED TO HANG; HER TO LEGACY

Frank Barker Receives News of Fortune on Death Sentence Day.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Spokane, Wash., Dec. 24.—Frank Barker, who is awaiting the death sentence in the county jail here for the murder of Ira Messinger at Medical Lake, Wash., last July, has been left a large fortune by the death of his father in Illinois. Barker was convicted a week ago of murder in the first degree.

He beat Messinger's head to a pulp with an iron pipe, near the shore of Medical Lake, because Messinger chided him for annoying a young woman. Barker had just deserted at Fort George Wright at Spokane and was in uniform at the time of the crime. Messinger was an old man with a dependent family.

The father of the father's death reached the prosecuting attorney today in a letter from Barker's grandfather, George Craig, Stonefort, Ill.

"I expected that Barker will be sentenced to the gallows today."

BEATEN HORRIBLY BY A BURGLAR

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Natchez, Miss., Dec. 24.—Robert F. Reed, 70 years old, and his wife, 60, were terribly beaten last night by a burglar. They were taken to a hospital where Reed died. His wife is not expected to recover. The burglar escaped.

Henry Bauer Dies Suddenly.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 24.—Henry Bauer, 55 years old, died suddenly in the Lexington hotel last night a few minutes after he had applied for a room. A check for \$1500 was found in his possession.

Knocked the Canal



Bunan Varilla, Who Criticizes the Panama Canal.

No little excitement was caused in official circles in Washington by the criticism of Bunan Varilla, former chief engineer of the Panama canal under the French regime. Mr. Varilla predicted that the great work of the Panama canal will end in disaster unless the site now proposed for the immense dam to supply the locks is changed.

President Roosevelt called Colonel G. W. Goethals, U. S. A., who is now actively in charge of the canal project, regarding the criticism of the Panama work and wanted to know the exact conditions.

U. R. SOON TO RUN TRAINS ON LIFE

Track Will Be Completed to Holbrook by the First of February—Equipment to Be on Hand Before That Time.

Beginning February 1, regular passenger and freight trains will be operating over the new line between Portland and Holbrook, a distance of 16 miles. A portion of the equipment to be used in this service has been ordered and will arrive within a few weeks.

The line between Portland and Linton has been completed, grading and bridges between Linton and Holbrook will begin on freight terminals and sheds and the car shops and roundhouses of the new company at the North Portland terminals next week.

Lloyd B. Wickersham, chief engineer of the United Railway, made the first announcement of the future plans of his company today. Since the commencement of the construction work along the line between Portland and Holbrook, the affairs and intentions of the company have been very little understood. The idea of the promoters of the road being to say nothing until the time of actual operation drew near.

Big Motor Cars.
For the Portland-Holbrook run three passenger equipments have been ordered. They will include 57 foot motor cars, with a quadruple motor equipment, four 75 horsepower motors to the car. Each car will have an 11 foot baggage compartment, a smoking compartment and a passenger compartment. The cars will seat 60 passengers and will be equipped with the heaviest kind of interurban service on the Pullman type.

Arrangements for additional freight equipment have also been made with eastern firms so that the company retains an option on sufficient freight equipment for the service. A 600 horsepower Baldwin locomotive, the heaviest electric locomotive in this part of the country, is among the items of the new equipment. For freight service, the company at present owns a 60 ton Baldwin locomotive and has a good number of flat and box cars.

"A large part of the equipment for the road is in Portland now," said Mr. Wickersham, "and more is arriving daily. The overhead wire is here now and the rest is en route. The trolley brackets and station equipment are many of them here."

"The line is complete between Portland and Linton, which includes three miles of the line."

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LABOR UNIONS SECOND RAID PLANNED

DEFOUCE DECISION Stacks of Telegrams for Gompers, Supporting, and Others to Roosevelt, Protesting—Appeal to Highest Court.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Dec. 24.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor who, with John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, was sentenced to jail for violating a federal injunction in the Buck stove case, did not appear at his office early today to read the thousands of telegrams that had arrived overnight from all parts of the country. All of the messages offered support and denounced in no mild terms the decision of Justice Wright in ordering the labor leaders to jail.

The White House is also flooded with telegrams of protest from all the leading labor unions in the United States. It was announced today that the case will be carried to the supreme court of the United States. Gompers today expressed confidence that the court of appeals will reverse Judge Wright's decision. If the decision is reversed the Buck Stove & Range company will undoubtedly carry the case to the supreme court.

Many mass meetings to formally protest against the decision are planned for Sunday in all the big cities.

HAYWOOD SAYS DECISION WILL BENEFIT LABOR

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Denver, Dec. 24.—W. D. Haywood, former secretary of the Western Federation of Miners in discussing Justice Wright's decision yesterday, praising Gompers, Morrison and Mitchell for the alleged violation of an injunction in boycotting the Buck Stove & Range company, said:

"The decision of Justice Wright will be a great benefit to the labor movement in this country in amalgamating the forces of organized labor."

PARDON PROBABLE IN CASE GOMPERS DECISION UPHELD

Washington, Dec. 24.—Labor leaders today declared they believed if the decision of Justice Wright was upheld Roosevelt would pardon the defendants. The political advantage of doing this is pointed out. It is their belief, further, that the pardon of the defendants if the case is brought to him.

Roosevelt Will Review.
Washington, Dec. 24.—President Roosevelt, after Attorney General Bonaparte that he desired to review with him the proceedings in the Gompers case. Pending the conference no public announcement will be made by the president.

WEAK WITNESS AGAINST HAINS

Martin Skura Can't Repeat His Own Story—Defense Relies on Defendant.

Flushing, L. I., Dec. 24.—The state's case against Thornton Jenkins Hains on trial for his participation in the murder of William E. Annis, near its close. District Attorney Darrin said today that he hoped all the prosecution's witnesses could be heard before the jury's verdict is taken over Christmas until Saturday.

The lawyers for Hains expect to open the defense Saturday or Monday. Joseph Shay will outline the case to the jury. It will not know how many witnesses will be called for the defense, but McIntyre and Shay are placing their main hope in the story Hains will tell on the stand.

Martin Skura in the Hains trial today testified that he heard Thornton Jenkins Hains, now on trial, tell the jury that he had difficulty in doing, leaving out the alleged statement of "Thornton. We have got him now." Skura admitted his story was read to him after he told it.

Attorney McIntyre, for Hains, demanded that Skura be committed for perjury. Judge Crane refused to commit the matter in the midst of the trial.

Skura later admitted, under oath, that he had made false statements regarding the Hains trial. He declared he was considering a perjury charge. Skura declared that he had not realized when making sworn statements to attorneys for the defense that he was making them to persons empowered to administer oaths. He declared he was trying to mislead reporters.

The court declined requests by Darrin & McIntyre to keep Skura in custody, saying there was no need.

CIVIL SERVICE OPEN TO DEAF PERSONS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Chicago, Dec. 24.—Washington reports state that the president has revoked the rule barring deaf persons from the civil service.

SECOND RAID PLANNED AGAINST THE CRAFTERS



Abraham Ruef.

FULFILLS PROMISE TO DEAD HUSBAND

Abner W. Eder Is Located at Spokane by Deceased Brother's Wife.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Spokane, Wash., Dec. 24.—After searching for Abner Eder, alias J. D. Banks, her deceased husband's brother, Mrs. Zora W. Eder, East 1400, Sixth avenue, Topeka, Kan., located Eder here today, thereby fulfilling the promise made to her husband, on the latter's death bed.

Abner Eder's whereabouts were unknown to his relatives for 20 years. Just before his death several months ago at Topeka George Eder exacted the promise from his wife to find his brother, Abner.

The woman has sought all over the coast and middle west.

ASSASSIN SHOTS CHICAGO CITIZEN

Jacob Geier Attacked at the Door of His Home—A Mystery.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Chicago, Dec. 24.—Jacob Geier, dying at the St. Elizabeth hospital, a victim of one of the most mysterious assassinations with which the police have ever had to deal. He was shot early today while stepping into his home. There is no trace of his assailant and no clue to his identity has been obtained by the police.

Oregon Postmasters.
Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, Dec. 24.—The following Oregon postmasters were appointed today: Wilbur McD. Hill, Curtin; George C. Vaughn, Iverson.

THE STATE PRESS—DISHONORABLE VIOLATION

From Frank Davey's Harney Valley News.

President Roosevelt simply recognized the true philosophy of the Oregon situation when he hailed Governor Chamberlain as the next United States senator from this state. The president is a man whose sympathies have been with the common people for several years; he wishes them to have all the rights and opportunities consistent with good government; he wishes them to take an interest in the making of laws, the choosing of officials and the shaping of governmental policies; consequently when he finds that the people of a state have made a solemn choice in a perfectly legal and orderly manner, he wants to see that choice respected. His record for a square deal, for truth, courage and good faith in all things, makes it impossible also for one to think that he could for a moment countenance the perfidy and dishonor behind the breaking of solemn pledges, which would be necessary to the defeat of Governor Chamberlain, hence he took it for granted that Oregon would not be so disgraced.

There has not been offered a single plea that would justify reversal of the people's will or the violation of his pledge by a single member of the legislature who signed it intelligently and voluntarily. True, it is a calamity to lose Charles W. Fulton from the senate, where he occupies such a splendid position of influence and respect. True, it is a shame and an outrage to see a Democrat sent to represent Oregon in that body, when the sentiment of the state is so strongly in favor of Republican policies; but all this is outside of the present issue. It is not a question of personality or even of party now. It is a matter of nullifying a principle which has been engrafted into our state laws by an overwhelming public sentiment, and of forcing or bribing representatives and senators to the most dishonorable violation of personal pledges in order to accomplish it.

There is no stricter Republican party man in the nation than this writer, but we believe the road to permanent party success lies along the line of honest observance of pledges; generous recognition of the intelligence of the people; consistent adherence to principle and to the platform assurances of the past.

BAD CHRISTMAS FOR THE CROOKS

Pittsburg, Oakland and San Francisco Will Send Thieves to Jail.

Grafters today were handed the sort of Christmas presents they deserve. Pittsburg has come strongly to the front with indictments of its grafters.

An Oakland, Cal., jury has found the man who dynamited the house of the principal witness against Abe Ruef guilty and the culprit has been sentenced to life imprisonment.

At San Francisco Abe Ruef was up for sentence on the charge of bribery.

Sentence of Ruef was postponed until Tuesday. He will undoubtedly receive the limit of the law.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—It is said the efforts of the graft scandal investigators here will now be directed toward others implicated in the corruption, as the seven councilmen and two former bankers arrested Monday night have been held for court.

One of the probers stated today that quick action was necessary, as other persons guilty of grafting were making endeavors to eliminate any trace of their participation.

Rumors are current that a second raid will soon be made against councilmen and business men who are charged with corrupting councilors. The Voters League of Pittsburg is said to have prepared 22 new warrants.

The nine defendants already under bond in the case were held for the grand jury early next month. By the latter part of February it is expected the court trials will be under way.

ABE RUEF IS UP FOR SENTENCE BY JUDGE LAWLOR

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Abe Ruef, convicted on the charge of offering a bribe to former Supervisor Purey, appeared before Judge Lawlor today for sentence.

Attorney Dosler, representing the defendant, entered the courtroom prepared to make a lengthy argument in favor of another postponement.

The penalty for the offense of which Ruef is convicted is one year to 14 years in the penitentiary.

The sentence of Ruef was postponed until Tuesday, when it is expected he will receive the limit of the law.

CLAUDIANES MUST GO TO PRISON FOR LIFE, SAYS JURY

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 24.—Peter Claudianes, who was last night convicted on the charge of dynamiting the home of James G. Gallagher, was sentenced to life imprisonment in San Quentin penitentiary. The jury was out six minutes. The prisoner heard the verdict weeping. He waived postponement of sentence, which was pronounced by Judge Waste.

COMPETITION AWAKES A. P.

New District Office Required by Press Association to Meet the Invasion of Northwest Territory by Healthy and Up-to-Date Rival.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 24.—Seattle is to be the headquarters of the new district to be established by the Associated Press, which will comprise Washington, British Columbia and Alaska. This means that news formerly controlled through the headquarters at Portland will be handled direct by the Seattle office, and will meet the complaints of commercial bodies here that news of this vicinity has been cut out.

Anticipating the opening of its office here the Associated Press this week began the first leased wire service it has ever put into the Dominion from Seattle to Vancouver, B. C., to offset the United Press, which has been in the new field several months.

Last Monday night the Vancouver Morning News-Advertiser received its first full Associated Press night report. The Evening Province is now receiving the day report, this action being made necessary by United Press competition.

Western Superintendent Paul Cowles of the Associated Press, with headquarters at San Francisco has been in Seattle several days completing the details of the service and left last night for Vancouver, B. C.

RISKS LIFE TO SAVE PHOTO

Mrs. McKinnen of Seattle, Rescued When Overcome With Smoke, Rushes Into Burning House to Save Picture—Second Dash Was Prevented.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Seattle, Dec. 24.—Mrs. McKinnen, who had at that moment of Ed Jones, who slumbers to find smoke pouring into his room. E. H. Grant, a carpenter, reading at the home of Mrs. McKinnen, proved himself a hero this morning by rushing to the second floor, dragging Mrs. McKinnen from her bed and carrying her to safety down the flaming stairway. She was almost suffocated with smoke and but for Grant's bravery would undoubtedly have burned to death. Grant put her through an open window into the arms of Ed Jones, who had at that moment arrived on the scene.

Rescued by the fresh air, Mrs. McKinnen broke from restraining hands and rushed back into the house, saving a picture of her daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Green, of Portland.

Again she sought to rush back into the blazing house, intent on rescuing a picture of a dead daughter, but this time she was held by strong hands. The cause of the fire is unknown.