

FINCH CASE IS CLOSE

Only Fellow Prisoners of Defendant Give Testimony to Corroborate His Story of Shooting—Wife Makes Her Deposition.

With the testimony of the defense practically closed, the story of James A. Finch that he shot and killed Ralph B. Fisher to protect his own life after he had been dazed by a notarial seal hurled at him by Fisher remains uncorroborated, except by the prisoners in the county jail who have sworn that Finch had scars and bruises on his face and body when he was taken to the jail on the afternoon of November 25, the day of the shooting.

The statements of Finch's friends in the jail are to be met by rebuttal testimony on the part of the state tomorrow. The entering wedge on this line came yesterday when District Attorney Cameron was called to the stand by the defense and said that when he talked with Finch at the city jail he saw no bruises on the defendant's countenance, although the light was good.

Wife Gives Evidence.

When court adjourned yesterday afternoon Finch's attorney announced that he had finished his case, except for the testimony of Mrs. May Finch, wife of the defendant, who is in the county jail at the hospital where she is ill. He reserved the right to call B. J. Watts if he can be found, and asked to have Miss Verba Burkhardt in court for the purpose of asking her an impeaching question regarding the gun that was found in Fisher's desk.

Called as Witness.

Surprise was also caused by the tactics of the defense in taking a juror from the box and making him a witness. The juror who had been called as a witness was Charles J. Bush, a laundry driver. He was asked whether he had conversed in the hall with Andrew V. Weinberger, a special officer of the district attorney's office, and answered that he had.

"Did he say anything to you about this case?" asked Attorney Lord, who is in charge of the defense.

Lord Inerts Probe.

"What have you been doing out in the halls?" demanded Lord. "You have been watching the jurors haven't you?"

LOVE SICK MAN TAKES CARBOLIC

John Koenig Commits Suicide, Leaving Touching Note of Farewell.

Dependent because of a love affair, John Koenig, a blacksmith 31 years of age, living with his mother and stepfather at 35 Eugene street, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid late yesterday afternoon.

DEAD LETTER SALE BUSINESS IMPROVES

Washington, Dec. 25.—Over \$2000 more was realized by the postoffice department by the Christmas sale of dead letter packages this year than last. This year's proceeds were \$11,400. Under the law the money must be held for three years, during which time the sender of any dead letter package sold may claim the amount at which it was knocked down.

PAROLE BOARD FOR BOON LEADERS

President Has Nothing Yet to Act Upon—Let Leaders Exhaust Judicial Remedies, Then Ask Relief if They Need It.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—President Roosevelt today authoritatively announced in a statement given out by Secretary Loebe that he cannot interfere pending a decision on the appeal in the contempt cases and jail sentences imposed on Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, officers of the American Federation of Labor, by Justice Taft in the District of Columbia, supreme court.

After the appeal is decided, and if it should affirm the decision, the lower court, the president will be in a position to consider a pardon. Various appeals have been made to the president to intercede with the court in the case of Gompers and his associates. Those making the appeals are unaware of the fact that the matter is still before the courts. It is a civil suit between private parties and there has been no way by which the government could intervene if it desired to do so. Whatever the president thinks of the sentence of Gompers and his associates is at present of no consequence to the case.

GOMPERS SAYS OBJECT LESSON IS CONCLUSIVE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 26.—"If I am forced to go to prison, I will demonstrate to the laboring people of America that there is need of an anti-injunction law," said Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, to a United Press representative tonight.

QUIZ STOCK OPERATORS

Hughes Committee Organizes for Its Inquiry, Selects First Point of Attack and Sets Date—Cotton and Produce Exchanges First.

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Taft Plan Places Control That Controls, in Bureau of Corporations, Commerce Commission Judicial—Efface Antagonisms.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 26.—There was much interest shown here today in special dispatches from Augusta, Ga., purporting to be an outline of President-elect Taft's plan for a greater control of corporations. The plan given has three cardinal features:

UGLY NAMES IN OREGON JUST GO

Geographic Board Objects to Absurd and Ridiculous Appellations of Places in State and Will Attempt to Change Them.

APPOINT AID FOR GRAFTERS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Oregon City, Dec. 26.—A youth named Fontz, who was arrested at the instigation of Portland persons for malicious mischief, is held here at the county jail.

RAIN OF PLASTER IN VICINITY OF VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Virginia City, Mont., Dec. 25.—Thirty earthquakes have been felt in this section since last Sunday afternoon. The last tremor was recorded at 4:50 yesterday morning.

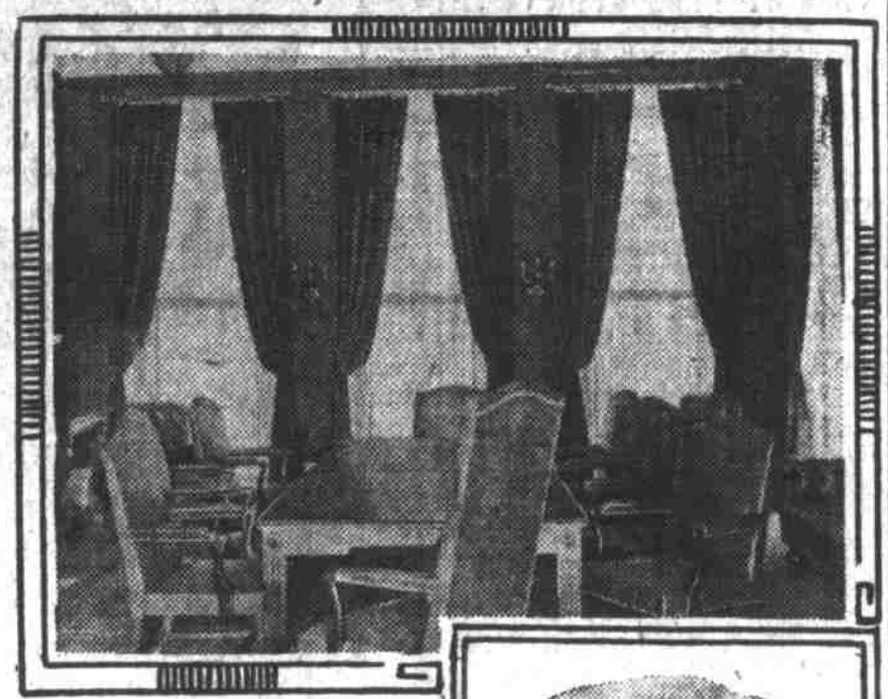
CIVIL WAR VETERAN ANSWERS LAST CALL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Ansonia, Mont., Dec. 24.—William Dobson, a well known pioneer of this city and a veteran of the civil war, died today. He was 82 years of age.

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BALLINGER THE MAN FOR THE PLACE, SAYS TAFT



Cabinet Room at Top and Richard A. Ballinger, slated for the Secretaryship of the Interior, at the Bottom.

Washington, Dec. 26.—It seems to be generally believed that the next secretary of the interior in the new Taft cabinet is to be Honorable Richard A. Ballinger of Seattle, Wash. Mr. Ballinger for some time past has been commissioner of the general land office in the national capital. He is a lawyer by profession and is 50 years of age. He was educated at the University of Kansas and at Washburn college, Topeka, Kan. He commenced the practice of law in the state of Washington, where he became United States court commissioner. Later he was judge of the superior court of Jefferson county, Wash. He became commissioner of the general land office March 4, 1907, and has held the office ever since.

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H. W. POOR & DEFENSE HAS COMPANY ASSIGN

Liabilities of Well Known Wall Street Banking Firm Are Estimated at Between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) New York, Dec. 26.—The assignment of H. W. Poor & Co., bankers and brokers at No. 33 Wall street, started the financial world today, as also did the revelation that Henry W. Poor was the sole member of the firm doing business under the corporate name.

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Judge Crane's Ruling Alleged to Have Been Favorable to Man Who Killed Annis—May Introduce Suppressed Scandal.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) New York, Dec. 26.—Thornton Jenkins Hains this morning listened to a graphic outline of his defense. The detailed story of all the defense hopes to prove to save him from the electric chair was told by Joseph A. Shay, Hains' junior lawyer.

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