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PORT OF PORTLAND WINS PILOTAGE FIGHT

CONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSED CRATER LAKE STATE AND NATIONAL HIGHWAY WOULD BENEFIT ALL OF THE STATE

SECOND BLACK M'CUE MAKES FIGHT FOR ASTORIA BUT LOSES

RECEIVED

Italian Barber Gives Threatening Letter to Police—Detectives Believe Organized Gang Is Operating in Portland.

With the appearance of a second Black Hand letter this week the police detectives have become convinced that they have a new element with which to deal. Portland heretofore has been practically free from the depredations of blackmailing Italians who prey upon their fellow-countrymen, but now it is all too evident that an organized effort to intimidate and blackmail is being made.

An Italian barber who is known as Bill Gates was the recipient of the second letter to be turned over to the police department. This letter, demanding from his brother \$600 at once, is dated January 30, the date written on the letter received by Vito Vitti, the Italian grocer of 294 Sheridan street this week.

The letter sent through the mails and received by Gates reads as follows: "Your brother's house has been robbed and they will be treated. Unless he places \$500 Hundred Dollars in a sack with his name on it and sends it to the address at Rifondati Street, Astoria, he will be killed." Black Hands.

Another Well-to-do. Gates' brother lives at Bladina and Fay streets, and is reputed to be well to do. The writer of the letter took much pains to disguise his handwriting, for the letters are printed and formed of double lines throughout, except for the date and the figures "500." Despite the phrasing, the formation of the letters gives the impression that the writer is a person of intelligence and not at all unskilled in handling a pencil. A piece of office paper was used.

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Smith Bill Defeated.

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BIG FLEET FOR HOME SATURDAY

Gibraltar, Feb. 4.—The battleships Ohio, Kentucky and Missouri finished coaling today and the entire fleet will be ready to sail Saturday. The local Masonic lodge last night entertained the Masons of the fleet.

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Beautiful Crater Lake that would be lost to tourists if the state refused to build a highway leading to this scenic wonder.

TWO RAILWAY MAGNATES DEAD

Thomas F. Lowry of Minneapolis and Jose F. De Navarro of New York.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 4.—Thomas F. Lowry, the millionaire railroad magnate, died here today, 68 years of age. He was president of the Twin City Rapid Transit company and the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie railroad at the time of his death. He had other large corporate interests.

New York, Feb. 4.—Jose F. De Navarro, builder of the first elevated railroad, and also constructor of the first modern apartment house, died here early today of heart disease. He leaves a widow and two sons, one of whom is the husband of Mary Anderson, the actress.

NEVADA SENATE LESS ANTI-JAP

Senator Nixon Believes It Will Not Follow the House's Action.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Feb. 4.—Senator Nixon, of Nevada, was an early caller at the White House today and notified President Roosevelt that according to private advice the state senate would not pass the anti-Japanese resolution, which was passed by the assembly yesterday, unless it was materially modified.

Senator Nixon believes that the measure had been introduced after a conference between the author of the resolution and the party leaders, and was not the result of a concerted action.

Lincoln's Memory

The 15th of this month is the one hundredth anniversary of Lincoln's birthday. Next Sunday the Journal's Lincoln section will be published. Seven pages of splendidly illustrated stories dealing with every phase of Lincoln's career. Get this edition of the Sunday Journal; it will pay you to buy it and put it away as a keepsake.

In addition to the Lincoln section there will be the usual Sunday Journal magazine features. Short stories and illustrated pages for women and children. All the news of the day. Special cable page; special northwest page; in fact, all that a reader would desire for several hours of enjoyment on a Sunday. Don't fail to ask for The Sunday Journal next Sunday. Every newsdenier has The Sunday Journal.

ROAD WOULD LEAD TO ONE OF NATURE'S MOST LOVELY SPOTS

Salem, Or., Feb. 4.—That the construction of the proposed state and national highway to Crater Lake would result in benefiting the entire State of Oregon and amply justify the expenditure called for in the bill now before the legislature was the trend of arguments made before the joint session of the ways and means committee of the house and the roads and highways committee of the senate late yesterday by W. W. Cotton, W. D. Fenton, C. S. Jackson, Henry McGinn and Will G. Steel of Portland; W. M. Colvig and W. I. Yawger of Medford; B. F. Mulkey of Ashland and R. G. Smith of Grants Pass. A delegation of 60 Medford business men who arrived in the morning to boost for the bill and an equal number of Portland and Salem friends of the measure packed the committee room.

President Colvig of the Medford Commercial club opened the arguments in behalf of the bill, explaining that Jackson and Klamath counties had each appropriated \$50,000 for the construction of the road to Crater Lake. Fifty thousand additional had been pledged by outside parties. The construction had agreed to construct that portion of the highway running through the Cascade forest reserve and the Crater Lake National park at an estimated cost of \$250,000. The total cost of the road would approximate \$500,000, and half of it would be in government domain. The speaker touched on the legal phase of the appropriation, stating that the \$100,000 asked for from the state was not an unconstitutional request. The speaker definitely declined the question.

Judge Fenton speaks. Judge W. D. Fenton spoke of the great tourist travel that the road would divert into Oregon. "Southern California receives \$5,000,000 a year as the result of its tourist travel," he said. "There is no reason why Oregon should not receive a portion of this amount. Every person who comes to the coast for scenery or climate now goes to California; although Oregon surpasses California in both. The construction of a road to Crater lake will open up one of the scenic spots of the world. It would be in government domain, and it would be in government hands. It is Oregon's one great attraction. The passage of this bill will result in benefiting every portion of the state."

Judge Cotton's views. Judge Cotton expressed himself along similar lines. He said that Oregon had neglected the great tourist resource, while California had developed those that would not compare with those of this state, and that if Crater lake was in any other state in the Union, the expenditure of millions, if necessary, by that state would be eagerly made. The appropriation asked for

DURRANT'S PASTOR RESIGNS

Emmanuel Church Has Had Hard Struggle Ever Since Blanche La Mont and Minnie Williams Were Murdered in It.

San Francisco, Feb. 4.—Rev. J. George Gibson, for years pastor of Emmanuel Baptist church, has resigned. The resignation of the pastor recalls the turbulent financial times of the church ever since the bodies of two innocent women were found in the church library, hacked to pieces, and later the corpse of Blanche La Mont was discovered in the half of the edifice. Theodora Durrant paid the penalty of the murders on the gallows at San Quentin one year and a half later.

Pastor Gibson had a hard row to hoe following the terrible murders. The church was aroused and for a while suspicion pointed to him as an accessory, but Chief of Detectives Lees held that Gibson had nothing whatsoever to do with the crimes and that he had established a complete alibi.

IN DEFENSE OF HASKELL

Resolution in Legislature Accusing Roosevelt and Hearst.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

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(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

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The Drew anti-alien bill was defeated yesterday afternoon by a vote of 47 to 28.

This settles the fate of all anti-Japanese measures.

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Only Eleven Dissenting Votes in House and It Is Conceded That There Will Be No Material Opposition in the Senate to the Measure

By Ralph A. Watson. (By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 4.—The Port of Portland pilotage bill passed the house this morning after a hot debate with only 11 dissenting votes. It is conceded that it will have little or no opposition in the senate. The bill removes the compulsory pilotage provisions of the existing laws, gives the control of the Columbia river bar pilotage into the hands of the Port of Portland and carries an emergency clause.

McCue of Clatsop made the only speech in opposition to the bill, contending that its provisions were against good shipping policy, in opposition to the accepted laws of the great shipping centers of the world, and were unfair to the sections of the state outside of Multnomah county.

The differential has existed but it has been because of natural conditions of the bar. It is all right for Portland to try to overcome them, but they should be fair in their statements and their efforts, and not forget the other sections of the state.

He knew from experience that the shipowners of the world wanted compulsory pilotage and the insurance companies demanded it, and it was abolished the rates would be raised. The old laws, the new laws, the courts and the principle of compulsory pilotage.

All of the seaport states of the country with the exception of a few small ports have compulsory pilotage.

Jaeger, in discussing the question, stated that the pilots at Astoria often were drunk. For this he was called sharply to account by McCue, who said the statement was a reflection on the personal character of citizens of Astoria. He said he would force Jaeger to prove what he said.

"We want no personalities here," he said. Jaeger contended that he had mentioned no one by name.

"I will insist that you do," retorted McCue. "And prove it afterward. Besides," he concluded, "Astoria is not the only place where people get drunk."

McKinney, chairman of the committee on commerce, which considered the bill, contended that the bill affected the freight rate of all the state. The testimony of some pilots from Astoria had failed to convince the committee. McKinney said that the present pilotage system was an efficient one.

At the conclusion of McKinney's argument the previous question was called for and debate shut off. This gave McCue, Jaeger, Bones, Corrigan, Bean and Calkins protested against the emergency clause being attached to the bill.

As Vote Stood.

The vote was: Ayes—Abbott, Altman, Applegate, Barrett, Bedillion, Belknap, Bonebrake, Brady, Brandon, Brittain, Brooke, Bryson, Buchanan, Calkins, Campbell, Carter, Clement, Conyers, Couch, Davis, Dimick, Dods, Farrell, Greer, Hatterberg, Hines, Hughes, Jackson, Jaeger, Jones (Lincoln and Polk), Jones (Clackamas), Libby, Mahone, Mahoney, Mann, Martner, McDonald, McKinney, Muncy, Munroe, Nelson, Patton, Philpott, Purdin, Reynolds, Richardson, Rusk, McCullough.

Nays—Bean, Bones, Corrigan, Eaton, Hawley, Jones (Douglas), Linsenweber, McCue, Stead, Stuller and Smith.

Beals was absent.

Results of System.

The bill was simply to do away with the compulsory pilotage. The fact that the ships were not got in or out was due to the fault of the pilotage system. For years Portland has controlled this.

CONSTABLES WILL HAVE LONGER TERMS

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 4.—Representative Brady's bill extending the term of the constables in cities of more than 100,000 inhabitants from two years to four, and increasing the salary passed the house after a short discussion. Every member of the Multnomah delegation favored the bill except Representative Couch. The bill was strenuously opposed by other members.

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