

ENGLISHMAN HELD PRISONER IN JAP NAVY GRAFT CASE

Retiring Agent of Reuter's Telegram Co. Arrested in Tokio on Charge of Selling Incriminating Papers.

WIFE TRIES SUICIDE AS RESULT OF HIS ARREST

Entire Case Carefully Suppressed by Authorities, It Is Said.

London, March 4.—An Englishman, Andrew M. Peoley, retiring agent in Japan for Reuter's Telegram company, the British news agency—had been arrested in Tokio in connection with the Japanese navy graft, and that as a result of the affair his wife also English, had attempted suicide, reached here by mail today.

That the censor had prevented the sending of an account of the incident by cable was reported as a foreign conclusion. Even the account which did reach London was evidently not entrusted to the Japanese mails, inasmuch as, although dated Tokio, the letter bore a Shanghai postmark, indicating that it was sent out of Japan by private messenger and mailed from China.

The charge against Peoley was that in some way documents implicating high navy officials had fallen into his hands, and that instead of making them public he was trying to cover up the matter by selling them to the offenders for 250,000 yen, the equivalent of \$125,000 in American money.

Parliamentary Debate Suppressed. The alleged transaction leaked out and was the subject of bitter controversy in parliament, though this part of the debate was omitted from all accounts of the legislative proceedings relative to the navy scandal.

Peoley's arrest followed the night of January 20, while he was in a Tokyo prison, the police visited his home in Tokio and ransacked it from top to bottom. Whether or not they made any important discoveries was not known.

The day after his arrest Mrs. Peoley was allowed to see her husband at the prison in the morning.

Following the interview she returned home, she had her pet terrier, and then she wrote a letter to her husband in which she told him that she had fired two bullets into her breast or tried to kill herself with a razor. All versions agree that she would recover, though, according to some, she was seriously wounded, and to others only slightly injured.

Peoley was still a prisoner when the letter received here was dispatched.

Believe Peoley's story. The writer expressed the strong opinion that the Englishman was innocent of the offense charged against him. His belief was based on the fact that the graft investigation, were trying, by making him a scapegoat, to divert attention from themselves.

He inferred that they chose Peoley as the victim of their plot partly because, as a newspaper correspondent, he probably knew more of the details of the scandal, partly because he was unpopular with Japanese officialdom as a result of repeated refusals to suppress news at their request, partly because he was just quitting his post with Reuters and might be presumed to have less influence than previously.

He lost his position as a result of an arrangement by which Reuters withdrew from Japan after an agreement to exchange news with the newly organized semi-official Japanese agency headed by J. R. Kennedy, former Japanese correspondent for the Associated Press.

It was considered certain that diplomatic advice of the arrest had been received at the British foreign office. If so, however, the foreign office suppressed them as effectually as was done by Japanese officialdom.

Who's Phelan? Asks Spain, Indignantly

Secretary Bryan Hastens to Explain Man Who Called Dons Decadent Is Only a Private Citizen of Bay City.

Washington, March 4.—Through Ambassador Willard, at Madrid, Secretary of State Bryan explained to the Spanish government today that James D. Phelan of San Francisco is only a private citizen; that his views are in no way official, and consequently that Spain must bear Americans, as a people, no ill will, even though Phelan did say at a recent dinner with but a short life to live.

Phelan was quoted to this effect in a recent speech in San Francisco. The Spanish government has taken up and began an immediate investigation. "Who is Phelan?" it inquired of Ambassador Willard.

Mother of 9 Facing Jail for Stealing

New Jersey Woman Convicted of Taking Small Amount of Brass From Private Bank Engaged in a Near Riot in the United States District Court here this afternoon when the hearing of charges against Sisel and his partner, Frank Vogel, was postponed to permit the district attorney to investigate further. Angered at the postponement, a woman depositor grabbed the gavel and demanded Sisel's immediate arrest. The crowd applauded and bailiffs cleared the courtroom.

Depositors Riot at Bankers' Hearing

New York, March 4.—One hundred depositors in the defunct Henry Sisel private bank engaged in a near riot in the United States district court here this afternoon when the hearing of charges against Sisel and his partner, Frank Vogel, was postponed to permit the district attorney to investigate further. Angered at the postponement, a woman depositor grabbed the gavel and demanded Sisel's immediate arrest. The crowd applauded and bailiffs cleared the courtroom.

Wilson Will Read Address on Tolls

Joint Session of Senate and House to Hear President's Ideas on Repeal of Free Tolls Clause Tomorrow.

Washington, March 4.—President Wilson's address, to be read to congress tomorrow, advocating the repeal of the clause exempting American shipping from tolls under the Panama canal act, will be a short one, it was stated today by officials in touch with the chief executive. In substance, it was said the president would tell the lawmakers he considers the exemption clause a violation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and that he believes the United States should respect such obligations, both in letter and spirit.

It was understood the executive, as usual, would read the message at the joint session of the two houses in person and the belief was general that it would be the signal for the beginning of a sharp fight over the canal tolls question.

Both houses of congress arranged today for a joint session tomorrow to hear the president's address. Republican members will line up solidly against the exemption of the free tolls clause from the canal act, as favored by the president.

President Wilson conferred this afternoon with Representative Covington regarding the chances for early passage of a bill repealing the exemption clause.

J. H. Holton, Pioneer and Veteran, Is Dead

Soldier Who Fought in Civil War Stricken While in Presence of His Comrades in Office of Attorney.

In the presence of two of his wartime comrades, James H. Holton, 77 years old, pioneer of Oregon and veteran of the Civil War, dropped dead at 9:30 o'clock this morning in the law office of J. J. Hirschheimer, 221 Lehigh building.

Holton had called on Mr. Hirschheimer, also a veteran, to have his pension voucher executed.

His home name was the oldest in 1858 from Indiana. He was a carpenter by trade, but had been retired for many years. He served in the War of the Rebellion in Company B, First Regiment Oregon Infantry, and at one time was a member of George Wright Post, G. A. R. He had been living in Portland about five years.

He is survived by a son in Brownsville, Wash., and two daughters. The body will remain at the morgue pending instructions for its disposition from one of his daughters, Mrs. Frank McCarthy of Arlington, Wash.

Alaska R. R. Bill in Final Form Today

It Probably Will Be Adopted by Both Houses of Congress and May Be Sent to the President Today.

(Washington Bureau of the Journal.) Washington, March 4.—The Alaska railroad bill was evolved into its final form today. The conferees agreed on all points and a conference report may be adopted by both branches of congress today and the bill sent to the president. Both branches are ready to accept the conference report without a fight.

The president is authorized to lease the railroad or railroads to be built including the telegraph and telephone lines, on his own terms. No such leases shall exceed 20 years. He may purchase or condemn any railroad paying the actual physical value. In building the road he may utilize any Panama canal property when no longer needed at the canal.

Fire, Not Burglars, Rattled Chinaware

Man Aroused by Noise Early This Morning Finds That House Is in Flames; Damage Amounts to \$5000.

E. E. Redding, 8621 East Sixty-third street, southeast, heard his china closet rattle this morning at 5 o'clock and thought burglars were in the house. Creeping to the door leading to the dining room, he discovered that flames and not an intruder had caused the noise. The property damage amounted to about \$5000, with \$2500 insurance on the furniture and \$1000 on the building.

Redding and another man spent yesterday cleaning the house as Mrs. Redding was expected home today. How the fire started is not known. The blaze ate away the supports of the china closet.

Academy Pupil Will Face Charges Here

Norine Roke, Said to Have Taken Clothes and Jewelry From Fellow Pupils, Will Be Returned to Portland, Sacramento, Cal., March 4.—Norine Roke, age 16, accused by former school mates in St. Mary's academy, Portland, of thefts of jewelry and clothing valued at \$400, will be returned to the city to answer the charge.

Governor Johnson issued extradition papers today, despite the arguments of attorneys, who declared no schoolmate of the girl wanted to prosecute Miss Roke.

Miss Roke was accompanied at the hearing by her mother, Mrs. Stella Roke, a San Francisco nurse. The girl stoutly maintained her innocence.

Fine Building for Pendleton Assured

Additional Appropriation of \$80,000, Added to Original \$2,000, Will Make New Postoffice Handsome.

Washington, March 4.—Pendleton will have a splendid new fireproof public building. Tolls assured today when the full committee of buildings and grounds of the house approved the subcommittee report giving Pendleton \$20,000 in addition to the \$2,000 already available for the building there on a site owned by the government. Representative Sinnott secured the increase.

DEPARTURE OF FIRST CRAFT ON PORTLAND-ALASKA ROUTE SINCE 1897 WILL BE TAKEN THIS AFTERNOON



St. Paul Report Says Hill to Be President of the Great Northern Temporarily.

SUDDEN RESIGNATION OF CARL GRAY MADE HILL TAKE POSITION

St. Paul, Minn., March 4.—That Louis W. Hill does not intend to remain permanently as president of the Great Northern railway was reported here today on what seemed to be good authority. He took the post intending to hold it, it was said, only until a suitable man could be found to relieve him.

COURT REFORM BILL FOR WHICH JOURNAL FOUGHT, IS REPORTED

Senate Committee on Judiciary Acts Favorably on Bill to Cut Cost of Justice.

(Washington Bureau of the Journal.) Washington, D. C., March 4.—The senate committee on judiciary has reported a bill which puts the clerk of the federal court in the state of Oregon on a new salary basis. The bill, reported, follows its companion in the house.

"Sec. 1—All acts and parts of acts authorizing the clerks of the district courts in the states of Arizona, New Mexico, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington or Wyoming to charge, receive or collect double fees or any fees except as provided by sec. 828 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, are hereby repealed.

"Sec. 2—The clerks of the district courts in the following states named in the first section of this act, to-wit: California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington or Wyoming, shall be allowed by the attorney general to retain of the fees received by them, for their personal compensation over and above the necessary expenses of their offices, including the salaries of deputy clerks and necessary clerk hire, to be audited by the proper accounting officers of the treasury, the sum of \$3500 and no more, and all acts and parts of acts fixing a salary for such offices or any of them in excess of such sum are hereby repealed."

The committee recommends that this bill pass congress.

T. R. Took \$3000 for Address at Rio

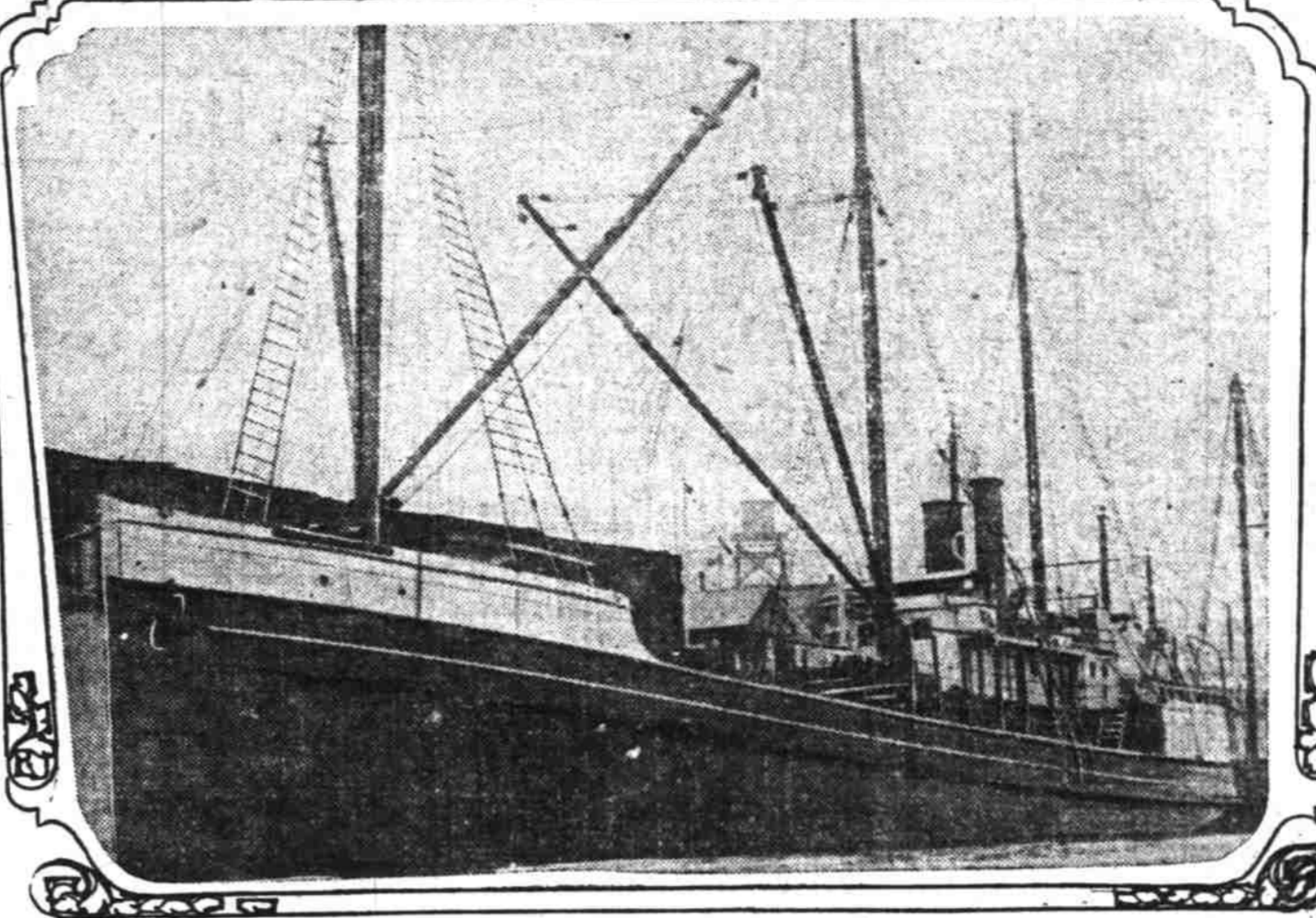
Lyman Abbott Says Criticism of Roosevelt's Accepting Money Is 'Silly, If Not Malicious, Gossip.'

New York, March 4.—Sharp reply to charges voiced in London by John T. Lantry of Chicago to the effect that Colonel Theodore Roosevelt had demanded \$3000 for delivering a short lecture before the Rio de Janeiro Historical and Geographical society after he had been engaged in a near riot in the United States district court here this afternoon when the hearing of charges against Sisel and his partner, Frank Vogel, was postponed to permit the district attorney to investigate further. Angered at the postponement, a woman depositor grabbed the gavel and demanded Sisel's immediate arrest. The crowd applauded and bailiffs cleared the courtroom.

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Steamship Thomas L. Wand, first of Pacific Steamship Company's fleet to sail on Alaska run; Captain F. Herriman, her master, and points of the route.

SAILING OF STEAMER WAND FOR ALASKA WILL BE FITTINGLY CELEBRATED AS EVENT OF VITAL IMPORTANCE IN CITY'S HISTORY

Hundreds of Portland's Energetic Business Men Gather at Oak Street Dock This Afternoon to See First Craft Depart From Here for Far North Since 1897.

For the first time since 1897, Portland will this afternoon have a steamer sail direct from her wharves for ports in southeastern Alaska. The Thomas L. Wand, the first of three vessels to be engaged regularly in the trade, will leave Oak street dock at 4 o'clock.

It will be more than an ordinary departure and for that reason hundreds of energetic business men of the city will assemble at the wharf to wish the steamer Godspeed and good luck. To make the vital incident in Portland's commercial history the more impressive, Mayor Albee has been invited to make a few remarks touching on the significance of the event and W. G. McPherson, chairman of the Portland Chamber of Commerce Alaska Trade committee, which has been active for several months in the organization of the line, will outline what has been accomplished and urge the Portland business interests and the city as a whole to stand by and make the line a tremendous factor in the development of Portland's commerce.

The Wand arrived here last night from San Francisco in command of Captain Martin Oldenberg, and this morning began receiving freight which has accumulated rapidly for several days past. Included in it are all kinds of merchandise and produce, from butter and cheese to potatoes and pinapples, and canned goods and household equipment.

While it keeps two longshoremen crews busy it is said that the craft will be ready to blow her whistle and start on her way when the speechmaking is over, and gracefully pull down the river in command of Captain F. Herriman and Pilot A. C. Jansen, two of the most experienced navigators in Alaskan waters.

Captain Herriman has for 16 years been master of vessels operating out of Puget sound ports to the northern country, and Pilot Jansen has been following the charts of these same waters for 36 years. For 32 years he was connected with the Pacific Coast Steamship company, first as mate and then as master of such vessels as the City of Seattle, City of Topeka, Senator, Valencia, Cottage City, Alki and many others, the names of which he has now forgotten.

He made 133 trips to Alaska as master of the Cottage City, and was the captain who commanded the George W. Elder when that steamer made the memorable trip to the north during the Klondike rush. She sailed on her first trip June 15, 1897.

The Wand proved herself of good speed coming up from San Francisco, for she made the run from the Golden Gate to the mouth of the Columbia in 64 hours, although absolutely light. It is expected she will make the run to Skagway and back in time easily to discharge her return cargo and load again in time to sail again three weeks from today, or one week after the departure of the Quinalt, which will be the third vessel to go on the route. The J. B. Stetson will be the second, on March 10, according to the schedule mapped out several days ago.

The Wand does not carry passengers, but the Stetson and Quinalt both have accommodations for 100 passengers.

John Bassett Moore Resigns Position

Counselor for State Department Resigns to Undertake Carnegie Peace Foundation Work; No Disagreement.

Washington, March 4.—John Bassett Moore resigned today as counselor for the state department. It was stated that he did so to undertake Carnegie peace foundation work. That the Mexican situation had anything to do with his resignation was denied.

When named for the post last summer Moore would not promise to serve more than a year.

Moore would not discuss his resignation, but admitted that for the present he would resume his law practice here.

Moore, according to widely circulated reports, resigned because he disliked being forced to conduct the affairs of the state department during Secretary Bryan's absence. It was understood he will undertake an important mission announced in connection with the Carnegie peace foundation.

Returns from 259 precincts show the

WILSON TRIES TO TAME CARRANZA AND JINGUES, TOO

Clique of Senators and Congressmen Trying to Force Airing of Mexican Situation and Upsetting Negotiations

TWO NOTES FROM BRYAN ARE AWAITING ANSWERS

Party of Mexicans Calls on Senate Committee to Complain of Conditions.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, D. C., March 4.—Convinced that General Carranza is about to reconsider his refusal to hear representations concerning the Benton case, except from England, the Washington administration was doing its best today to prevent congress from engaging in a general raking over of the Mexican situation, with the possible result of upsetting pending negotiations.

President Wilson warned several senators who were anxious to open the whole subject on the floor of the upper chamber how serious the consequences of premature discussion might be. At the same time Secretary of State Bryan intended to ask the members of the house foreign affairs committee to soft pedal Carranza's refusal to accept the administration's offer for full particulars concerning Mexican conditions.

In the meantime Secretary Bryan had received no answer to his two notes to General Carranza, and was pressing the latter for the extradition of the Englishman's (Benton's) corpse, and for definite information concerning the new situation there was intolerable, and that "something must be done to protect life and property."

They refused to give their names, saying if they did so, their lives would not be safe when they recrossed the Rio Grande.

Carranza Sends Commission. Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, March 4.—The Carranza cabinet will remain silent upon the Benton case until he receives the report of a commission he has sent to Juarez to make an investigation was generally believed here today. The commission was expected to arrive today in El Paso. It consists of Dr. Miguel Silva, Ramon Fraustro, Carranza's chief legal adviser, and former Governor Miguel Lara of the state of Hidalgo.

Members of the Carranza cabinet insisted today that Washington has made no real investigation into the matter regarding the Benton case. Special Agent George Carothers of the state department who conferred here yesterday with him, confirmed this, adding that Carranza had nothing to do with Benton.

Carranza received no callers during the morning. It was stated that he would consult with certain members of his cabinet at noon, but that the conference concerned merely his plans for his departure for Chihuahua.

The Carranza cabinet is expected to leave for Naco late today. If the start is made, Carranza probably will be at Agua Prieta, opposite Douglas, tomorrow. No date has been set for the start to Chihuahua.

POSTOFFICE BILL PASSES

Washington, March 4.—With practically all the senate amendments intact, including the one providing for an increase in rural mail carriers' pay, the conference report on the postoffice appropriation bill was adopted by the senate this afternoon.

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THE DAY'S DEATH ROLL

New York, March 4.—Colonel Nelson O'Shaughnessy, father of Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy, of the United States embassy in Mexico, died today of pneumonia, aged 71.

Garden City, L. I., March 4.—J. C. Sturt, vice president of the Erie railroad, died today at his home here. He had been ill for months.

Berlin, March 4.—Cardinal George Kopp, aged 76, died today of spinal meningitis at Trophau, Silesia. He was the highest dignitary of the Roman Catholic church in Germany.

San Francisco, March 4.—E. W. Hie, wealthy merchant of Sacramento, died here today of intestinal trouble. He was one of five brothers and a half brother who made fortunes in the dry goods business. The family came to California from Michigan in 1871.

Yes, the directory is in The Journal Want Ads.