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INDICTED SIX. Fathoming the Murder of Mable Bechtel. Allentown, Pa., Jan. 8.—The grand jury today indicted six who are alleged to have been implicated in the murder of Mable Bechtel, in October.

Two-Mile Limit Not Applicable to Sheep Passing Through. Boise, Jan. 8.—The supreme court today decided that judgment cannot be rendered under the two-mile limit law in cases in which the sheep are driven through the state or are necessary rest. The decision is in the case of W. M. and G. W. against Nelson Grover, from Washington county.

Witness Is Missing. Topeka, Kan., Jan. 8.—Engineer Benjamin, who is wanted as the principal witness concerning the Willard wreck, is still absent. The coroner's inquiry is indefinitely postponed. His son's report that his father was ill appears to have been a ruse to gain time for Benjamin in flight, as he cannot be found, and there is no evidence that he was at home for more than a portion of one day.

VINDICATED OR WHITEWASHED? NEBRASKA COURTS FAIL TO INCRIMINATE DIETRICH. Jury Returned Verdict of "Not Guilty" Being Instructed by the Court to Do So—Case Against Postmaster Fisher Fell Through.

Omaha, Jan. 8.—This morning a jury was secured to try Senator Dietrich on the charge of accepting a \$1,300 bribe from Postmaster Fisher at Hastings, Neb. District Attorney Summers made the opening argument to the jury and declared he would show that Dietrich gave Fisher the place because the latter agreed to pay \$200 per year for four years so that Dietrich would get the rental to which he believed himself entitled from his building, and also remuneration for purchasing from the Grand Army post the office fixtures for \$500 with which to fit the new quarters.

Verdict of Not Guilty. Omaha, Jan. 8.—Judge Vandeventer of the circuit court this afternoon instructed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty on the indictment against Dietrich charging him with receiving bribes in connection with the postoffice at Hastings. He ruled that Dietrich was not senator until sworn into the senate, and charges that the bribery in connection with the postoffice rentals occurred prior to that time.

Nolled and Dismissed. The last case against Senator Dietrich was called this afternoon on the charge of holding a government contract. The case was nolled by Attorney Summers, who said the records showed that a few days after his election Dietrich transferred the property as a free gift to his daughter, who has since received the benefits.

BOLD BANDITS. Three Boys Rob Nine Smelter Employees of \$200. Tacoma, Jan. 8.—Three armed bandits, with coolness amounting to apparent nonchalance, held up nine men and robbed them of more than \$200 near the Tacoma smelter late last night. Police and sheriff's deputies scoured the country well along into the early morning hours without learning anything of the identity of the highwaymen.

Searchin' for Weapons. Chicago, Jan. 8.—All the morning the court where the car barn bandits are on trial today was searched for concealed weapons. Strong men protested, but were compelled to disrobe, which had very discouraging tendencies upon sentimental female spectators, many of whom decided not to watch the proceedings. The jury is still incomplete.

Battle of New Orleans. New Orleans, La., Jan. 8.—Today was the eighty-ninth anniversary of General Jackson's defeat of the British at the battle of New Orleans. In commemoration of the anniversary federal, state and city offices were closed and the day was otherwise observed as a legal holiday throughout Louisiana.

Turkey at the Fair. Constantinople, Jan. 8.—The sultan on reconsideration has decided to send a Turkish exhibit to the St. Louis fair.

ALL THE POWERS ON THE QUI VIVE. War is Anticipated and Probable, But by No Means Certain, in the Far East.

JAPAN READY TO TAKE THE FIELD ON SHORT NOTICE. Vast Quantities of Coal Being Shipped From British Isles to Japan, Russia and China—Russian Cruiser Sails From Brest—British Soldiers at Hong Kong Notified to Be Ready to Take the Field—Military Reviews.

Cardiff, Wales, Jan. 8.—An immense shipment of coal is being rushed to the far east: 46,000 tons to Japan, 30,000 tons to Hong Kong and 40,000 tons to the Russian squadron at Port Arthur.

Mikado Reviews Troops. Tokio, Jan. 8.—Twenty-six thousand troops were reviewed on Aoyama field today by the emperor. They composed the first division, known as imperial guards, which will constitute the third division if war is declared. Immense crowds witnessed the review, which was regarded as a farewell leave-taking. The emperor went to the field in the state coach, but in the review was mounted on a handsome horse. The brilliant staff and all foreign attaches formed a noteworthy escort.

Russian Cruiser Sails. Brest, Jan. 8.—The Russian cruiser Almez sails from here for the far east tomorrow.

Trying to Get South. Paris, Jan. 8.—A dispatch to the Patrie from Constantinople says Russia is negotiating with Turkey to permit her Black Sea fleet of 27 vessels to pass through the Dardanelles.

Russia's Reply Received. London, Jan. 8.—The Japanese minister, Matsuoka, today confirmed the report that the Russian reply had been received at Tokio, but declined to disclose the details.

British Troops Ready. Hong Kong, Jan. 8.—Two hundred and fifty British soldiers, members of the Sherwood Foresters, have been suddenly warned to hold themselves in readiness for service. The troops are ready and transports arranged for. Their destination is unknown, but presumed to be either Pekin or Seoul.

London, Jan. 8.—The Central News Bureau says Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, and Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador, this afternoon visited the foreign office simultaneously, on an invitation from Lord Lansdowne, who wished to urge further the modus vivendi. The result of the conference is not yet announced.

FIVE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE. Number Indicated by Revision and Recount of Fatalities at Iroquois.

MANY EXITS HAD BEEN LOCKED BY THE USHERS. Ushers' Conduct Contributed Directly to the Awful Loss of Life—Building Inspector's Examination of the Building Was Superficial—Testimony of Theater Engineer Shows Inadequate Fire Protection.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—The coroner began the examination of witnesses today concerning the Iroquois fire. The official list of dead reported by him makes the number 565. The first list was 591, but this was caused by the identification of bodies under more than one name.

The coroner today is assisted by a large array of legal talent, including the state's attorney and city and county attorneys, as well as a score of lawyers retained by relatives of the victims. The testimony brought out today uniformly agrees that the exits were locked by ushers, who either resisted the attempts of spectators to open them or did nothing to restore order among the panic stricken.

No Protection Against Fire. The most sensational testimony since the coroner began the inquiry into the Iroquois disaster was given by Robert Murray, engineer of the ill-fated building at this morning session. He said the curtains were operated by hand and counter-weights. The fire-fighting apparatus consisted of two tubes of killyre 18 inches long. There was no other protection against fire on the stage.

There had never been any drills for fire, and no instructions were ever issued to the employees. The witness admitted he knew how to use the greater portion of the fire apparatus, but never had instructed his assistants. The exits were draped in red plush curtains, but were held outside by heavy iron doors, barred, bolted and operated with levers. The witness admitted that no one unfamiliar with this system of levers could unlock the doors.

No News From Kishineff. London, Jan. 7.—No news from Kishineff today indicating disturbances. A letter received from Russian Minister Plevine today scoffs at the idea of a recurrence of the anti-Semitic riots.

Innocent Man Jailed. San Francisco, Jan. 8.—Joan Rapique, who has been 10 years in the county jail fighting for a trial, was released this morning. Rapique was convicted of forgery and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. He petitioned the supreme court for a new trial. After 10 years he was today set aright. On his appearance Judge Cook said the man was entitled to his liberty and released him.

TONIGHT AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL. FIRST PROGRAM SINCE BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS. Program Is Considerably Changed and Improved, and in Some Respects the Best of This School Year—Everybody Invited at 7:30 O'Clock.

The pupils of the high school will give their regular program and entertainment at the assembly hall this evening. The entertainment has been delayed for some time, owing to the intervention of the holidays and the extra work just before that time. Now, however, the program has been strengthened and changed from the way it was formerly announced and will be one of the best that has been rendered this year.

Program for This Evening. The friends of the school are invited to be present at 7:30 in the assembly hall this evening, at which time the following program will be given: Music—High School Orchestra. Debate—Resolved, That the Indians on the reservation should not be allowed to sell their lands for 25 years. Affirmative, Fred Anderson and Lester Mease; negative, Orville Reaves and Bob Livermore. Recitation—"A Reverie in Church," Mamie Nell. Recitation—"Christmas," Delva St. Clair.

Essay—"Aerial Navigation," Lorin Harris. Recitation—"The Book Agent," Grover Swagart. Oration—"Athletics," Roy Alexander. Vocal Solo—Nellie McMullen. Recitation—"Nobody's Child," Elsie Olcott. Current events—Essie Strover. Recitation—"The Pictures of Memory," Margaret Williams. Oration—"The Curse of Milton Tabor," Dell McCarty. Recitation—"The Owl Critic," Ethel Temple. Instrumental Solo—Ivy Younger.

Bishop Scott's Jubilee. Portland, Jan. 8.—The Right Rev. Thomas Fielding Scott, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Oregon, observed today the fiftieth anniversary of his elevation to the bishopric. Congratulatory messages were received from Episcopal churchmen and other persons in many parts of the country.

Pope Turns Down Sarafoff. Rome, Jan. 8.—The vatican declines to receive the Macedonian, Sarafoff, in special audience. The latter is disappointed, as he expected to thus gain many additional volunteers for the insurrection.

LIVE STOCK CONVENTION. Entertainment Portland Has Arranged for Visitors. Portland has arranged the following entertainments for the visitors during the meeting of the National live stock convention, which convenes next Tuesday, January 12: Tuesday, January 12—Evening: General reception to delegates and their wives and daughters by the Commercial club. There will be music and lunch and a cordial reception to the city. Wednesday, January 13—Afternoon: Ladies' reception in the parlors of the Portland hotel. Wilder's orchestra will play and lunch will be served in the grill room. Evening: "A Trip to Chinatown." Arrangements are being made through Sold Black with the leading Chinese to throw the Chinese quarter open to the visitors and to supply guides to conduct the various parties. There will also be a smoker given by the City Press club for visiting newspaper men on the same evening. Thursday, January 14—Afternoon: Car rides to Oregon City, Vancouver and other points of interest. Evening: Theater parties at the Marquam, Baker and Cordray's. Friday, January 15—Evening: General smoker at Armory. An elegant lunch and cigars will be served and the amusement will consist of a first class vaudeville performance and in all probability a boxing match. Saturday, January 16—A railroad excursion to Seaside or Cascade Locks. The choice of the two trips will be left to a vote of the convention, which will be taken on Wednesday.

TOMORROW IS THE ANNUAL MEETING. Every Taxpayer and School Patron in the District Should Attend It.

BE HELD AT COURTHOUSE AT 2:00 O'CLOCK P. M. An Eight-Mill Levy Is Deemed Probable—It Will Raise More Money Than Ten Mills Did Last Year—Expenses of the District Considerably More Than Last Year—The Board Hopes Every Patron Will Attend.

The school board of the Pendleton district met last evening in the office of Dr. C. J. Smith for the first time in many weeks. After the routine of the meeting was disposed of and the bills that had accumulated during the past month had been audited, the attention of the board was turned towards the district meeting, which will occur at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, and which the tax levy for the special school tax will be fixed.

Perhaps an Eight-Mill Tax. It has been decided by the board that it will be wise to ask for something like an 8-mill tax for the year to come. This will be a less levy than that of last year by two mills, but it will raise a little more money, owing to the increased assessment of this year. But this will not be any too much for the needs of the school, for it is now under more expense than ever before, as is natural considering the growth of the city and the enlargement of the schools.

Four Additional Teachers. Owing to the greater number of pupils, it has been necessary to put four additional teachers to work this year, and they are over-crowded at the present time, having neither room to hold their pupils in comfort, nor the conveniences of a modern school made necessary by the climate and general conditions. But this aside, it still remains that the added expense of four teachers and the detail of equipment, room furnishings and supplies will make the total of the schools' wants higher this year than ever before. On this account it will be necessary for the board to ask that the levy be put pretty closely around the 8-mill mark if the district is to be able to pay out at the end of the year to come.

Amount Will Be Fixed Tomorrow. Just what the board will ask is not at this time determined, as they have not had all of the available figures before them up to this time by which to fix their calculations; but from what they do know it is pretty certain that the levy will be nearly the amount asked. At the meeting which will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the circuit court room, the matter of the assessment will be talked over with those of the patrons and taxpayers of the district who are interested and the levy will be fixed. The board especially desires that every patron of the schools and every taxpayer will meet with them tomorrow to develop every factor and phase of the problems for the coming year. "In a multitude of council there is safety."

SEATTLE LABOR ISSUE. Leaders May Encourage Affiliation With New Civic Union. Seattle, Jan. 8.—The labor leaders are seriously considering a proposition to co-operate with the newly organized civic union, one of the objects of which is to enforce the laws, in making operative the Sunday closing and 1 o'clock closing laws. Whether or not they will pull together in a united effort at the coming election to secure the enforcement of these laws is at the present time a question, however. The civic union is not yet permanently organized and for that reason many of its members are unwilling to launch immediately into a protracted struggle for any such reform. Others are of the opinion that at least the moral support of the organization should be given to the labor men.

BALTIMORE & OHIO WRECK. Engines Smashed and Several Trainmen Killed. Cumberland, Md., Jan. 8.—A Baltimore & Ohio double-headed crasher into a freight at Davitt's creek early this morning. Both engines were demolished. Fireman Kofner was instantly killed and Engineer Roberts died shortly after. Engineer Humphrey was seriously and perhaps fatally hurt and Fireman Conrad seriously hurt.

A. B. THOMPSON NOT TO BE REINSTATED

Portland, Jan. 8.—News has been received here that Secretary Hitchcock has declined to reinstate A. B. Thompson, as receiver of the La Grande land office. The Oregon delegation has worked faithfully for Mr. Thompson's reinstatement, both with the secretary and President Roosevelt, and it seems taking the trouble over Secretary Hitchcock's head to the president did not mend the matter, as it was at the direct suggestion of the president that the secretary declined to hold Mr. Thompson in office, since that suggestion was entirely unnecessary, as the secretary had long ago determined to do this very thing. It now complicates Oregon matters in the national campaign worse than ever, as it is thought that the same reasons which actuated both Secretary Hitchcock and President Roosevelt to remove Mr. Thompson against the earnest solicitations of the entire Oregon delegation, will cause them to refuse to appoint any man suggested by the delegation. So the appointment of a receiver for the La Grande office is one of the most complicated questions to be considered in the councils of the Oregon delegation.