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MURDERER SLAYS CITY EDITOR OF SPOKANE CHRONICLE TODAY

Russian Lumber Jack Enters Newspaper Office and Shoots Local Staff Chief

FEIGNS INSANITY BUT BELIEVED A DEGENERATE

Admits Crime, Erroneously Claiming Publication Had Printed Libelous Statement About Him---Reporters Make Capture.

Spokane, April 24.—E. H. Rothrock, city editor of the Spokane Chronicle, was shot dead this morning by Richard Aleck, a Russian, age 37 years, who entered the newspaper's editorial rooms, raised his gun and shot Rothrock without a word.

It was first believed that the slayer was mentally unbalanced as a result of brooding over the Titanic disaster. He told a rambling story to the police, constantly referring to the Titanic.

Rothrock was approaching the editorial room door as Aleck quietly entered with his gun concealed. It is believed he did not single out Rothrock, but intended to kill the first person he saw.

After the shooting, Aleck was overpowered by the Chronicle staff and he mumbled about the Titanic wreck. At the police station the officers said he was under the influence of liquor.

Aleck carried the gun in his hand concealed in his pocket. When he met Rothrock, he whipped out the gun and shot and Rothrock fell. Aleck shot a second time while the murdered man was lying on the floor and threw the gun away. It was picked up by John Dewitt, a member of the Chronicle staff.

The murdered man was 36 years of age and a native of Kansas. His father, now dead several years, was a prominent cattle dealer of the middle west. Rothrock was a graduate of Stanford, prominent in athletics and popular.

He had been a member of the Chronicle staff since 1899, but only a few months as city editor. He leaves a mother and wife in Spokane. His wife is in a serious condition and it is feared the news may result fatally.

Later the murderer admitted his crime and said the paper had printed a slanderous story about him and he demanded a retraction. He said it was refused and he shot for satisfaction. No story has ever been printed of any nature regarding the murderer who is believed to be a degenerate.

He was a lumberjack from Idaho. He said he was told the paper had printed a story about him. It is believed it was a crude joke played on him. He is feigning insanity now.

MAN'S VAINGLORY CAUSED GREAT WRECK

George A. Ferguson, of this city is visiting in Canada while enroute home from Nebraska, accompanied by his bride, and is now in Winnipeg. He was in that Canadian city shortly after the news of the Titanic wreck was received. He says that all Canadian flags were placed at half mast and many of the shop windows were filled with bulletins telling of the wreck news. The following philosophical reflection appeared upon one placard.

Vain Pride. "The pride of humans in their supposed triumph over the powers of nature was the direct cause of the loss of the Titanic. The ship could not sink; therefore take a chance with the worst would mean only delay, and tear through the ice infested waters at top notch speed. Such was the idea, expressed or not, which drove the Titanic to her doom. Man is finite and the works of his hands are the sports of the elements that move on the face of the waters."

FAIR COMMISSION OFF FOR EUROPEAN TOUR

New York, April 24.—To visit all the principal European capitals, in the interest of the Panama-Pacific International exposition to be held at San Francisco, in 1915, the special commission sailed on the Mauretania for London today. The members are John Hays Hammond, R. B. Hale, W. T. Senon, Brigadier General Clarence R. Edwards, U. S. A., and Rear Admiral Sydney A. Staunton, U. S. N.

Phantom Bandits Kill Paris Chief. Paris, April 24.—In an attempt to arrest Bennet, chief of the "phantom" bandits who have terrorized Paris for months, Assistant Chief of Detectives Jouin was killed today and Officer Collman mortally wounded. Bonnet escaped after a running revolver fight.

MORE LIFE SAVING APPARATUS DEMANDED BY OLYMPIC CREW, WHO PREVENT SAILING

South Hampton, Eng., April 24.—Because one hundred firemen refused to stay with the ship unless the life saving apparatus was augmented, the steamer Olympic of the White Star line, sister to the ill-fated Titanic, scheduled to sail for New York today, failed to leave its berth at the time fixed.

After a long delay the Olympic left port. The ship's officers finally adjusted the difficulties with the firemen. They put on sixteen wooden life boats and forty metal collapsible boats, enough to accommodate three thousand people.

Later three hundred stokers struck and refused to leave until the life-saving facilities of the Olympic are improved. The ship is now held outside the harbor and the officers are trying to recruit more men.

U. S.-MEXICAN WAR CLOUDS GATHERING

American Government May Resent Wanton Murders of Subjects in Madero's Disturbed Country

Washington, April 24.—War between the United States and Mexico is being agitated here, following the tales of murder of American citizens in Mexico, told by refugees who arrived at Galveston.

The state department sent a second ultimatum to Madero demanding that killing of Americans stop at once and saying an explanation is expected.

Refugees Reach Frisco. San Francisco, Calif., April 24.—Laden with refugees, mostly women and children from west Mexico ports, the steamer City of Panama arrived here today. The refugees tell many tales of mistreatment at the hands of bandits, saying the anti-American sentiment is very strong in sections from which they fled. Most of the men remained behind to protect their property.

OREGON REGISTRATION IS MORE THAN 131,000

Salem, Ore., April 24.—The total registration in the state before the primary election reached 131,880, which is the largest ever recorded in the state. The total registration for the general election in 1908 was 122,095, and for 1910 it was 122,742.

The registration this year is divided among the various parties as follows: Republican, 93,970; democratic, 23,417; prohibitionist, 16,557; socialist, 4,928; populist, 5; independents, 2,970; refused to state political designation, 712; scattered, 123.

The total registration for the various counties is as follows: Baker 3,801, Benton 1916, Clackamas 5797, Clatsop 2427, Columbia, 1890, Coos 3389, Crook 2424, Curry 640, Douglas 4438, Gilliam 682, Grant 1458, Harney 1063, Hood River 1426, Jackson 5302, Josephine 1984, Klamath 2269, Lake 998, Lane 6947, Lincoln 1121, Linn 4427, Malheur 1721, Marion 7519, Morrow 815, Multnomah 43,587, Polk 2877, Sherman 695, Tillamook 1234, Umatilla 4192, Union 3217, Wallowa 1781, Wasco 2738, Washington 4041, Wheeler 650, Yamhill 3201.

Dr. Pearsons Dying. Chicago, April 23.—Dr. D. K. Pearsons, age 92, philanthropist and former millionaire, who recently gave his last dollar to educational institutions, is dying today at Hinedale sanitarium of pneumonia.

Taft Wins New Hampshire. Concord, N. H., April 24.—Returns from the primaries yesterday show President Taft controls the New Hampshire state republican convention, to be held April 30, and will get the solid delegation from New Hampshire to the national convention at Chicago.

Ned Baldwin, campaign manager for Judge W. R. Ellis prior to the primaries, left today for Portland, where he will probably establish himself in a law office.

Bank Statements Called. Washington, April 24.—The comptroller of the currency has issued a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business, April 18th.

It is easier for a very young man to raise his eyebrows than it is for him to raise a mustache.

SHORT FRONTIER PERFORMANCE PROPOSED BY LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS FOR EASTERN PEOPLE

In order to give effete easterners a glimpse of the real old wild west, a plan is on foot by the Commercial and Round-Up associations to entertain three trainloads of electric company officials and bondholders on June 6 or 7 with a short frontier performance. President Robinson of the former association last evening appointed a committee consisting of Clarence M. Bishop, W. E. Brock, R. Alexander, W. J. Clarke, Leon Cohen, Walter Adams, T. F. O'Brien and Joe Skrabie to act with the Round-Up committee in making arrangements for the occasion.

Either on the 6th or 7th day of June, three special trains, one known as the pink, one the blue and the other the orange train, will arrive in Pendleton bearing delegates to a convention of electric bondholders and officials in Seattle, and, through the efforts of Dr. F. W. Vincent, manager of the local plant of the P. P. & L. Co., the officers of the Commercial Club and Round-Up were interested in a plan to get the distinguished capitalists to stop here for a half hour or more.

The Dalles has already laid plans for advertising its community by distributing Bing cherries among the party and Pendleton, not to be outdone, is planning to pull off a stunt, distinctive and significant and something that no other city in the north-west can do as well. Dr. Vincent has already subscribed \$150 toward preparing this wild west treat and another similar contribution will be all that is necessary.

ATTEMPT MADE TO INTERFERE WITH TITANIC INVESTIGATION

Chairman Smith Intimates Ismay Tries to Stop Senate Committee Probe

OFFICER REFUSED TO SAVE TRAPPED PEOPLE

Ignores Pleading of Rescued Women to Return to Sinking Vessel and Take Off Passengers Who Go Down Piteously Crying for Help.

Washington, April 24.—(Bulletin)—Acting upon an anonymous tip, Senator Smith, chairman of the subcommittee of the senate which is investigating the Titanic disaster, today asked Premier Borden of Canada, to hold the steamer Mount Temple, at Montreal.

Senator Smith is seeking verification of a report that the Mount Temple was only fifty miles southwest of the Titanic when the liner struck the iceberg and that one of her passengers, said to be Dr. Quinzana, saw the vessel floundering.

The Canadian government has replied that every effort to co-operate in the matter, will be made.

Washington, April 24.—Chairman Smith of the senate Titanic committee, today charged that an attempt is being made to interfere with the work of the committee, hinting at Ismay. He said no such interference would be tolerated.

Senator Smith exonerated the officers and crew of the Titanic from being implicated in the attempt to block a full expose of the circumstances surrounding the shipwreck and vellely hinted that he had reference to Ismay.

After making this statement Senator Smith refused to call Ismay to the stand. Instead he called Fifth Officer Lowe of the Titanic.

J. Bruce Ismay was present and requested that his testimony be taken immediately, explaining that his wife is ill in London and he wished to return home. He promised to return to the United States when wanted.

Before Chairman Smith's arrival, Senator Burton of Ohio, declined to wait the coming of Frederick Fleet, the lookout on the Titanic, who testified yesterday that the White Star refused his request for marine glasses. Lookout Fleet told the committee that Quartermaster Hichens was in charge of the lifeboat in which the witness escaped. The women in that boat, he said urged Hitchen to return to the Titanic and rescue the shrieking passengers who had been left to drown, but Hitchens refused.

Here Fleet was interrupted by Chairman Smith who making his veiled attack on Ismay said: "From the beginning of this investigation there has been a middle-some attempt by certain persons to influence the course of this committee and to stop its procedure."

"I have heard that misrepresentations have been made. I wish it understood that the committee will not tolerate the attempts of anyone to shape its course."

Harold Lowe, fifth officer of the Titanic, told of ordering Ismay from the lifeboat which he was helping to load. He said he used pretty strong language. He was told to write on a piece of paper the words he addressed to Ismay. Lowe wrote: "You get to hell out of that." Lowe said that Ismay was excited till sworn at when he went away to help lower another boat.

LINER CLOSE BY WHEN TITANIC SUNK

Boston, April 24.—The Leyland line steamer California was less than 20 miles from the Titanic when the latter foundered. Captain Lord said last night that had he known of the Titanic's plight, all the latter's passengers could have been saved.

That his ship was the steamer reported to have passed within five miles of the sinking liner and to have disregarded signals for help, Captain Lord denied positively.

"I figure that we were from 17 to 19 miles distant from the Titanic that night," he said. "About 10:30 we steamed into an immense icefield and immediately our engines were shut down to wait for daylight. With the engines stopped, the wireless was of course not working, so we heard nothing of the Titanic's plight until the next morning. Then came the news in a message from the Virginia. On receipt of the message we started immediately for the zone of the disaster."

Captain Lord explained statements by members of his crew to the effect that the California was within sight of the Titanic and failed to respond to her calls for assistance by saying: "Sailors will tell most anything they are ashore."

Whether or not the original of the Round-Up films went to the bottom of the sea with the giant steamer has not yet been determined. Harbeck had gone to Europe to dispose of the European rights for the exhibition of the pictures and, if he had his films with him, it will mean that when the present reels in possession of Messrs. Nelson and Lytle are worn out that the pictorial performances of the 1911 show will have been completed.

ROUNDUP PICTURE MAN TITANIC VICTIM

With the publishing of the list of the recovered bodies of victims of the Titanic wreck, positive confirmation has been received of the rumor that William H. Harbeck, the photographer who took the moving pictures of the Round-Up, was aboard the fatal vessel and went to his doom when the big hulk sank. His name had not appeared on the original passenger list given out and it was hoped by his wife, who is in Seattle, that he had abandoned his plans of sailing on the Titanic, but yesterday's dispatches numbered his name among the dead recovered.

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