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CHIEF LOUGHERY DECAPITATED

Discharged by the Police Commission for the Sake of Retrenchment.

THE CITY IN TOTAL DARKNESS

Considerable Street Talk Concerning the Action of the Common Council in Reducing Appropriations.

The police commission, composed of S. B. Gordon, John Kopp and C. W. Stone, met Monday night to consider the 20 per cent reduction made by the common council in all appropriations, including that of the police department. Formerly the police appropriation was \$1,700, but the 20 per cent reduction made January 29 brought it down to \$1,360. To run the department with this amount retrenchment was necessary. The commission's action has created a decided sensation.

In the past the police department has cost the city \$175 per month. Four patrolmen and the captain of police received \$75 a month each, the chief's salary being \$100. Thus wages and other expenses brought the total expense up to \$1,700. The police department has always been self-sustaining. The reduction of 20 per cent allowed a monthly expenditure of \$1,360. The police commission was forced to reduce expenses and decided to discharge Chief Loughery. The following resolution was passed:

"Whereas, owing to the extravagance and mismanagement of the common council in the past the city's finances have been brought to a condition where bankruptcy or retrenchment is inevitable,

"Resolved, That C. W. Loughery, chief of police, is hereby discharged; but said discharge is not to take effect until March 1, 1897, and is because of the city's alleged inability to pay a suitable police force, and not for any fault of said officer, who has been faithful and trustworthy during his entire term of service."

When the commission's action became generally known there was a sensation. How is the city to get along without a chief? was the question asked. But no one knew. Whether Captain Hallock will be retained as chief at a salary of \$75 a month, or another man employed, is not known. The commission did the only thing they could to reduce the expense of the department \$100 per month.

The council also ordered one-third of the city's lights cut off, which leaves Astoria in comparative darkness. The general opinion as expressed was that the council has been unwise in forcing the commission to discharge Chief Loughery when the city should have an efficient police force.

"There can be no doubt that Astoria will soon be the rendezvous of all the cut-throats in the Northwest, as the dark streets make it possible for hold-ups to occur without the remotest chance of the robber being apprehended," said a gentleman yesterday.

"Why, just think of it! There are but two lights on Commercial street. In the second ward the lights are only placed within a radius of two blocks of a councilman's house and near large residences. About the only way to be safe now is to stay at home."

Other remarks of a like nature were heard and it seems the prevailing opinion that the city should be lighted or else the police force strengthened instead of decreased.

GOOD ANCHORAGE GROUND IS HERE

Notwithstanding the Railings of Jealous Neighbors at the Other End.

IT IS SAID TRUTH WILL OUT

Attempts to Cover It Up by State and Untruths Don't Worry—What the Captain Says.

That a short started and ill-adviced policy of one of the large Portland newspapers should benefit it will be constantly cry down the harbor of Astoria, is as silly as it is unreasoning. The fact that accidents happen in this harbor, as they do in every harbor in the world, and as they do in Portland, does not make it any the less a safe and commodious harbor, better than the average on the Pacific or any other coast. The papers daily contain accounts of the grounding of vessels on the mudflats or rocks in the harbor of San Francisco, similar accidents in the harbors of Puget Sound and Victoria, and many mishaps of like nature are recorded in the harbors of the Atlantic coast, as well as in London, Liverpool, Melbourne, Yokohama, Hongkong and other foreign ports. It needs only a glance at the government charts and study of the latest soundings made by the engineers in the Astoria harbor to show that there is a large and deep channel with natural anchorage grounds for the largest vessels. All this sort of talk between neighbors is rot, pure and simple. Portland may as well recognize the situation one time as another, and be friends with the port that in the future is destined to bring about any further growth the metropolis may have. A city situated 110 miles inland, which is obliged to spend \$300,000 a year to dredge out and maintain a narrow and crooked channel, little better than a canal, so far as deep sea vessels are concerned, has little occasion to fret over its neighbors.

The British ship Crown of India lies at anchor in the lower harbor within a few hundred yards of where the steamer Chittagong touched on the sands a week ago. The captain of the India says that he has been master of a deep sea vessel for fifteen years, and has visited every port of any importance in the world. "Never, in all of my voyages, have I found better anchorage ground or a safer harbor than Astoria. I arrived here Christmas eve, and during all of the tremendously heavy weather since that time my ship has not moved two feet from her anchorage. She is a four-masted bark, 300 feet long, and about the size of the Chittagong."

A group of sea captains and pilots interspersed with water front men were yesterday discussing the attack upon Astoria harbor by Portland papers, and the unwarranted interference with the Moschmanish. All were unanimous in the opinion that both attacks were uncalled for and unfounded in fact. Speaking of his own ship, Captain Corkhill, of the Crown of India, said, "I do not pretend to own my vessel, or charter her freight, but I do know that my owners have preferred to spend a large sum of money to fit her for loading lumber in British Columbia, rather than send her up the Columbia at heavy expense to load wheat at Portland at \$1 a bushel. Of course I'll take my ship where the owners order her, if it's South Africa or the North Pole. But I think it will be found after this voyage that our people will have cleared better money than if they had taken the cheap wheat rates of Portland. What I have had to say about this port was the truth so far as I have found it in my experience in traveling the world over."

Other captains and pilots standing by strongly supported the statements made by Captain Corkhill.

WILL SCATTER WEALTH.
Dr. Talmage's Opinion on the Bradley-Martin Bill in New York.

Indianapolis, February 9.—Rev. Dr. DeWitt Talmage was in the city today. When asked for an expression on the Bradley-Martin bill, to be given in New York February 10, Dr. Talmage said:

"My general theory is that it is well to give to the poor and needy. There are two ways to do it—one directly and the other by scattering wealth. "I think that, when an entertainment that will scatter \$100,000 is given, a man who cannot see that \$30,000 of it will reach the poor needs a new pair of spectacles. I am in favor of those great entertainments. I am not talking now from a moral standpoint."

ARBITRATION IN UPPER HOUSE

Important Amendments Offered to the Anglo-American Treaty.

FIN DE SIECLE NEWSPAPER

Emphasizing Reporters Get Onto Record Session Proceedings and Senators Are Mystified.

Washington, February 9.—The important developments concerning the consideration of the arbitration treaty in the senate legislative session today were the offering of an amendment by Morgan of Alabama, providing for the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, and a speech by the same senator in favor of this proposition. Another important amendment was offered by Bacon. It provides for the modification of Article 8, so as to relieve the Southern states from any obligations that might arise under the bonds issued in reconstruction days. The amendment was the result of a conference among the Southern senators, who concluded the article as it now stands might render it impossible to make these bonds, when held by subjects of Great Britain, the object of arbitration. A number of amendments have been prepared which will be offered in the course of the debate.

Among them one which excepts the Alaskan boundary question from matters subject to the treaty, also any controversy as to the boundary line in the straits of Juan de Fuca, which separate Vancouver Island from Washington.

Teller said he wanted it understood that the silver men were not opposing the treaty as silver men, and that no opposition was being made to it because it affected silver interests. There were other and sufficient grounds upon which to base their objections. The first two hours were given to the debate of full reports of yesterday's secret session that were printed in the papers this morning.

Considerable time was devoted to a general discussion of the methods of the modern newspaper, which was more in the nature of fault-finding than of criticism of their accuracy.

The reports were generally complimentary for their accuracy and a majority of the remarks were devoted to an effort to explain their appearance.

IMMIGRATION BILL

Washington, February 9.—The house today agreed to the final conference report on the immigration bill by a over-whelming majority (217 to 33). The modifications of the immigration bill contained in the conference report, by which the intending immigrant was required to be able to read and write the "English or another language," and which permitted the illiterate wife and minor children to accompany an eligible immigrant, removed the main objection to the bill.

The beneficiaries of the pension bills passed over the president's veto were both of a class known as "re-married widows." President Cleveland has disapproved a number of these bills, but he has also allowed several of them to become laws without his signature.

TARIFF AND MILEAGE

Chicago, February 9.—The News' Washington special says: Speaker Reed will forestall legislation other than tariff at an extra session by appointing only two committees—those on ways and means and mileage—and reserving the appointment of other committees until the regular session.

While this action is unprecedented, members say it would be legal, as congress has frequently gone on for weeks before the speaker announced the committees. Speaker Reed considers that the extra session should deal with only two objects—the tariff bill and the mileage of members.

THE INSURGENTS ARE UPPERMOST

Affairs in Cuba Generally Unfavorable to Captain-General Weyler.

SMALLPOX HAS BROKEN OUT

Five Thousand Cases in Havana Alone and Many Deaths Reported—Europe for Weyler.

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Havana, February 9, via Key West.—The various reports and statements of Captain General Weyler announcing the pacification of the province of Pinar del Rio, and the almost complete disappearance of the insurgents in that part of the island, are far from being borne out by the facts. As intimated in these dispatches when the Spanish commander made the remark cited, if the Pinar del Rio was as quiet as he alleged it to be, what has become of the arms, horses, ammunition, stores, etc., of the 7,000 men whom he admitted were also under arms there?

As a matter of fact, the insurgent forces in Pinar del Rio seem better off, more thoroughly equipped and disciplined than at any previous stage of the campaign. In support of this assertion statements have been gathered from reliable sources that the "forces of the known leaders in the field are estimated to number 5,000, and yet the captain-general claims that the Pinar del Rio is pacified." In addition to these forces a strong body of insurgents is said to have mysteriously disappeared from the neighborhood of Havana. The whereabouts of this force is exciting much attention and is known to be causing the Spanish staff considerable anxiety. The friends of the insurgents intimate that a big surprise is being prepared for Captain-General Weyler, when he tries to return to Havana. Owing to the campaign of La Cucha, thousands of persons are being vaccinated daily throughout the entire province.

In spite of this, it is asserted, about 300 cases of smallpox exist in Havana and during the last four days 50 per cent have died from this disease. During the month of January at Juruco alone, out of 362 deaths, 217 were due to smallpox.

THE PRESIDENT'S VACATION.

It is Said that He Will Take a Trip Around the World.

Toledo, Ohio, February 9.—A passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific, now in the city, is authority for the statement that President Cleveland will take a trip around the world immediately after the inauguration of his successor. The president and his party will go to the Pacific coast over the Canadian Pacific road, and Division Passenger Agent Cheezy, of that line, will conduct the party in person. It is the desire of the president to start as soon as possible after the inauguration of McKinley. He desires to avoid public functions as much as possible and intends to make the circuit of the globe as a private citizen. Private Secretary Thurber and several members of his cabinet are expected to accompany him. Mrs. Cleveland and children may accompany the party; that matter has not been fully decided upon.

LACKS CONFIRMATION.

Washington, February 9.—Private Secretary Thurber tonight officially declined to confirm or deny the above statement. He preferred, he said, to await the publication of the story before making any announcement about it.

NOTHING DONE AT THE CAPITAL.

But Thirty-Eight Present in the Joint Convention.

Special to the Astorian.
Salem, February 9.—There was no official way of determining how many were present at today's joint convention for the reason that the roll was not called.

Just after Chairman Brownell had called the convention to order Patterson came hurriedly down the aisle and said: "Mr. Chairman, I move that we adjourn till tomorrow at noon." The motion was adopted and the convention adjourned. The announcement was greeted with cheers and laughter from the gallery.

ROBBERS LOOT A SANTA FE TRAIN

Details of the Hold-Up at Peach Springs, Arizona, Monday.

ONE OF THE OUTLAWS KILLED

Messenger Sumners Shot Him Through the Head While He was Trying to Shoot a Train Employee.

Los Angeles, February 9.—The west-bound Santa Fe overland train, which was held up several miles east of Peach Springs, Arizona, last night, arrived in Los Angeles this afternoon.

Alexander C. Sumners, the messenger who killed one of the robbers, has been in the employ of the Wells-Fargo Company for ten years. He is about 34 years of age. His account of the hold-up is as follows:

"The first intimation I had of a hold-up was when the train stopped about ten miles east of Peach Springs. At first I thought the train had been flagged for orders. Then a shot was fired, and to Randall, my helper, I said: 'We're in for it, and I turned out the lights over my desk. I grabbed my revolver, and Randall grabbed a shot gun. As the train slowed up, one of the robbers proceeded to uncoil the mail and baggage cars from the train. 'Randall took the door to the left and I the one to the right, which I opened cautiously. Not seeing any one, I dropped to the ground and swung on the brakeman as the train moved up, at the same time observing one of the robbers standing on the lower step of the platform. I took good aim and fired and the robber fell off the step. He had in his hand a small cut-off double-barreled shotgun and at the time was trying to get a bead on my helper, who was getting down on the opposite side. As soon as I fired I also dropped to the ground, and the engine, mail and express cars moved away. The bullet entered the back of the outlaw's head just above the left ear. I found under his coat a bag which contained several sticks of dynamite. I then went into the smoking car. The robber could not open the safe."

Albert S. Grant, the mail clerk, said that the robbers demanded assistance through the engineer. He obeyed the command and while the robber covered him and the engineer with a gun, he helped himself to packages of registered letters. He appeared to be a well educated man. After he left several shots were fired.

NEWS FROM THE FAR NORTH.

Edibles Selling for Fifty Cents a Pound in Alaska—Flour Supply Short.

Port Townsend, Wn., February 9.—The steamer City of Topeka arrived this morning from Alaska, having sailed from Juneau on February 4. On the day previous to her sailing, a party arrived at Juneau from Circle City, having left the latter place on the 18th of last November. The party brought a consignment of United States mail under the Beddoe contract. At Forty Mile Creek the flour supply was very short, 100 pounds being the greatest amount sold to any one person.

The sheep party, which left Juneau last September with a drove of cattle for Circle City, was found at Clondyke. They sold all their meats at prices averaging fifty cents per pound for everything edible, while the refuse brought ten cents a pound for dog food.

THE MARKETS.

Liverpool, February 9.—Wheat, spot, quiet; demand, poor; No. 2 red spring, 6s 5d; No. 1 California, 6s 7 1/2d.
Hops, at London, Pacific coast, 4 1/2s. San Francisco, February 10.—Hops—\$9 1/2c for fair to choice, and 11 1/2c for fancy.

NO DOPE IN TENNESSEE.

Nashville, Tenn., February 9.—Today the senate passed the bill heretofore passed by the house prohibiting the sale of cigarettes or cigarette papers in this state.



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