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OPERATORS ROB WESTERN UNION

ONE UNDER ARREST MAKES STARTLING CONFESSION.

Half dozen implications are made in confession of arrest giving evidence of crooked work from Montana to California.

Portland, Or., Dec. 21.—Secret service men in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company have unearthed an alleged conspiracy among operators of railroad offices in the Northwest and California, whereby they declare stealings have been made within the past 18 months amounting to many thousands of dollars.

Regular Western Union operators are not involved in the conspiracy. The stealing is charged by the detectives entirely against operators in isolated railroad offices where there was no check upon their work.

At least one arrest has been made, that of an operator at Ritzville, Wash. It is alleged that this operator has made confession implicating half a dozen others.

According to the report of the detectives the small group of which the Ritzville operator was a member was but a link in the chain of conspiracy which extended from Helena to San Francisco.

The mode of operation of the alleged conspirators was simple. An operator at a small station where there was no checking system would receive a message for another similar point, take payment for the company, transmit the message and pocket the money, which was subsequently divided with the operator at the receiving point. Some time before the development of the telegraphers' strike a year ago last summer a similar graft was unearthed by the company, but with its discovery and the summary discharge of the operators involved it came to an end.

FLEET LEAVES FOR SUEZ

Starts on Longest Leg of Entire Trip Around World.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Rear-Admiral Sperry, commanding the American battleship fleet, has cabled the navy department that the fleet departed Sunday from Colombo, Ceylon, for Suez.

The fleet has begun the longest single leg of its world cruise through the Indian Ocean, the Arabian and Red seas.

Excavations Reveal Buried City. Washington, Dec. 20.—An American, Pompeii is gradually being brought to light, according to the annual report of Charles B. Walcott, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

Under a special congressional appropriation, the work of excavating a prehistoric buried city at Casa Grande, near Florence, Ariz., has been conducted by Dr. J. Walter Fowkes. Already a number of structures have been discovered, but the largest one excavated during the year was a building 200 feet long with 11 rooms, the massive walls enclosing a plaza.

In the central room there is a seat called by the Pima Indians "The Seat of Montezuma." The ruins at Casa Grande were found to be very much more extensive than was anticipated.

Test for Cruisers' Coal.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 20.—The three scout cruisers Salem, Chester and Birmingham, which are being put through various tests to determine the relative efficiency of the turbine and reciprocating types of engines, will be given some long sea runs about February 1 for the purpose of testing coal endurance.

Each will be sent out with bunkers full, 1400 tons, and will be required to make a run of 2000 miles at a uniform speed of 20 knots. Upon returning here the coal remaining will be weighed to determine the amount consumed.

C. P. Taft Out for Senate.

Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—Charles P. Taft left today for Columbus to open headquarters from which he will carry on his contest for the office of United States Senator in succession to Senator Foraker. Mr. Taft declares that there is no truth in the stories that President Roosevelt is opposed to his candidacy.

For Eczema, Tetter and Salt Rheum. The intense itching characteristic of these ailments is almost instantly allayed by Chamberlain's Salve. Many severe cases have been cured by it. For sale by P. M. Kirkland.

Will Hold Joint Inspection.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 20.—Advices were received by the steamer Empress of China today that in consequence of arrangements regarding Japanese immigration to the United States between America and Japan, the inspection of Japanese immigrants to the United States is being carried out jointly by the American and Japanese officials.

Million a Day in Sugar.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Figures by the Bureau of Statistics show that the average American consumes half of his weight of sugar each year and Uncle Sam's sugar bill averages a million dollars a day. The total consumption of sugar in the United States in 1907, as shown by a report issued by the bureau, reached 7,089,887,975 pounds.

GENERAL SIMON ASSUMES OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF HAYTI

Port au Prince, Dec. 20.—General Antoine Simon, the newly elected President of Hayti, took the oath of office at 10 o'clock this morning at the palace in the presence of foreign diplomats, the officers of the American and Italian warships and the Haytian officials of state. Senator Paulin, who presided at the session of congress which elected General Simon President, officiated and demanded that the President respect the constitution and other laws of the republic.

Later, at the reception which was held, M. Carteron, the French minister, addressed the President on behalf of the diplomatic corps and officially presented the respects of the foreign ministers. M. Claud, minister of foreign affairs, gave assurances of the government's intention to maintain the most cordial relations with all governments.

OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Interesting Events of the Week in Washington, D. C.

Washington, D. C.—During the examination of Southern lumber manufacturers before the ways and means committee, Chairman Payne made it very apparent that he is strongly in favor of admitting foreign lumber to American markets free of duty. Mr. Payne has given intimations to this effect heretofore, but never so pointedly as Saturday, when he undertook to lecture a Southern lumberman for asking for protection on his product, when his state persist in voting the Democratic ticket.

The testimony of E. D. Metcalf, of Auburn, N. Y., representing the International Harvester Company, said his company is so well entrenched in the agricultural implement business that it does not need the tariff, and that it is immaterial to it how the tariff is changed. He did not deny that the International Harvester Company manufactures over 50 per cent of the agricultural machinery in the United States.

A remarkable increase in the value of mineral production since the beginning of the new century is announced in a report of the geological survey on the mineral resources of the United States. This includes all of the principal mineral products, representing an annual output of over \$2,000,000,000, an advance of more than 100 per cent in less than ten years.

The President returned to the senate without his signature the resolution fixing the boundary line between Colorado and New Mexico with a message giving as his reason a report of the Attorney-General to the effect that the bill made material changes in the line, shifting five postoffices from one jurisdiction to another.

Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, speaking in the interest of the coal mining interests of Wyoming, asked that the duty on coal be kept where it is, saying that the Rocky Mountain miners could not compete with the Canadian coal producers without reducing wages if the tariff is reduced.

Shortly after the holidays the Senate probably will decide where it will place marble busts of two of its vice-presidents, Roosevelt and Fairbanks. Mr. Roosevelt's career in the Senate was extremely brief, and although it ended about seven years ago, up to this time no bust of him has been made.

Senators Lodge, Knox and Bacon have been named by the senate to represent that body on the joint congressional committee on the inaugural ceremonies.

Hoarse coughs and stuffy colds that may develop into pneumonia over night are quickly cured by Foley's Honey and Tar, as it soothes inflamed membranes, heals the lungs, and expels the cold from the system. P. M. Kirkland.

SOME MEN IN NEW CABINET

PROMINENT MEN ANXIOUS—WILSON TO REMAIN.

Judge Ballinger of Seattle is slated for Portfolio of Secretary of the Interior—Charles Nagel for Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Cabinet builders at the national capital and those who have moved to Georgia as a part of the entourage of President-elect Taft, are succeeding in placing on the anxious bench public men in all sections of the country who have been looked upon as aspirants for portfolios.

The announcement of the appointment of Frank H. Hitchcock to be Postmaster-General, followed by that of Senator Philander C. Knox to be Secretary of State, and the generally accepted report that George W. Wickersham, of New York, is the choice of Mr. Taft as Attorney-General, indicates that the slate is being made up rapidly and that announcement of the entire Cabinet may be expected before long.

There seems to be a reasonable certainty that in addition to those named, Secretary Wilson will continue a year or more as the head of the agricultural department; that Secretary Garfield will retire from the Cabinet; that Judge Richard A. Ballinger, of Seattle, will be given a place, probably that of Secretary of the Interior; that Luke E. Wright will retire from the Cabinet and again take a post in the diplomatic service.

Within the last few days the name of Charles Nagel, of Missouri, has been discussed in connection with the secretaryship of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Probably the most difficult place remaining to be filled is that of Secretary of the treasury. Among those men mentioned are ex-Governor Myron T. Herrick and Representative Burton.

NOTED JOURNALIST DIES

Major Orlando J. Smith, Founder of the American Press Association.

New York, Dec. 20.—Major Orlando J. Smith, founder, president and general manager of the American Press Association since 1882, died at his home in Dobbs Ferry tonight. Major Smith had been ill since September, at which time he was operated upon for cancer of the stomach, but throughout his illness he retained his interest in daily events.

Major Smith was a prominent figure in American journalism for 40 years. Few men were better known in the newspaper world. After active service in the Civil War, in which he rose from the rank of private to Major, Major Smith became editor of the Express, Terre Haute, Ind., removing the paper in 1878 to Chicago. In 1882 he founded the American Press Association.

Major Smith possessed the broadest of minds. He was keenly interested in life and its problems in all their manifold phases. He found relaxation from material cares in the study of religion and philosophy and economics. He embodied his views in several volumes which have received scores of attention from the World's thinkers. The most prominent of Major Smith's books are: "A Short View of Great Questions"; "The Coming Democracy"; "Eternalism"; "Balance" and "Agreement Between Science and Religion."

Major Smith is survived by a widow, two daughters and a son. The last named, Courtland Smith, is vice-president and assistant general manager of the American Press Association.

Warship Maine Sails for South.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 21.—A special from Fortress Monroe, Va., says: The United States battleship Maine, flagship of the third squadron of the new Atlantic fleet, sailed today under sealed orders for the south. She is presumably bound for Venezuela.

The armored cruiser North Carolina sails today for Charleston Bay. The cruiser Montana is expected to sail Wednesday to join the North Carolina.

A Dangerous Operation

is the removal of the appendix by a surgeon. No one who takes Dr. King's New Life Pills is ever subjected to this frightful ordeal. They work so quietly you don't feel them. They cure constipation, headache, biliousness and malaria. 25c at all druggists.

UNITED STATES NAVY IS PLANNING MONSTER SHIPS

Washington, Dec. 21.—The navy department is considering the desirability of constructing monster battleships, bigger than anything yet built or even designed elsewhere. One plan presented by the Naval Board of Construction calls for eight 14-inch guns and a displacement of 25,000 tons, while another plan provides for twelve 12-inch guns and a displacement of 25,000 tons. In the 14-inch gun ship the thickness of the turret, side and barbette armor will be thicker than in the 12-inch gun ship, giving better protection than the latter will enjoy.

The navy department is pretty well committed to the all-big-gun-ship plan and Congress may consider it favorably when the matter is properly presented. The speed of the new ships is intended to be from 20 1/4 to 20 1/2 knots an hour under trial conditions of load.

Mother Kills Children.

Montpelier, Idaho, Dec. 20.—Three deaths, to which a fourth may be added, are the results of a mother's deranged mind and the quick action of a deadly poison.

Mrs. John Rosen, the wife of a well-to-do rancher, living a few miles from this city, Saturday morning administered strychnine to her three children, a baby of four and two sons aged seven and ten years, after dissolving the drug in wine. She then poisoned herself.

Mr. Rosen, who was in the barnyard at the time, entered the house soon afterward and discovering the condition of affairs, sent the oldest boy to a neighbor for help. Death soon claimed the mother and youngest child. The father followed the son who had gone for help and found him lying in the road lifeless.

WOOL MEN WILL POOL

Scheme to Beat Buyers Chief Topic at Pocatello.

Pocatello, Idaho, Dec. 21.—If the plans of the National Woolgrowers' Association, the 45th annual convention of which will be held in this city January 14 to 16, do not miscarry, the name of Boston as the wool center of the world will suffer a fatal blow. Western woolmen, who compose a majority of the membership of the National Association, are pledging themselves to support a movement for the establishment at Chicago of a great central wool market of their own.

To consummate this plan requires a pledge of 25,000,000 pounds of wool. Already in the states of Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Washington and Oregon 18,000,000 pounds of next season's clip have been signed up. By the time the Pocatello convention adjourns it is predicted by those in touch with the movement, 30,000,000 pounds of wool will have been placed in a gigantic pool, and Boston commission men who heretofore have been dictating prices to Western flockmasters will find their occupation gone.

CALIFORNIA WILL REFUSE TO PAY HIGHER RAILROAD RATES

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Shippers and importers of California are arranging to unite in a state-wide protest against the increase in transcontinental tariffs announced by the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe railroads as effective on January 1. Opposition will take the form of a score of mass meetings, held in the leading cities on December 30, when representatives of leading industries will set forth the grievances of the business men against the carriers. An executive committee appointed some weeks ago to deal with the question has announced this method of procedure as more desirable than an appeal to the courts, which was regarded as productive of delay, or to the Interstate Commerce Commission, which is powerless to take action until such rate changes have taken effect.

MINER KILLS HUGE BEAR WITH A CHUNK OF ORE.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 20.—R. W. Booth, one of the pioneer mining men and journalists of Tonopah, had a thrilling experience while examining a tunnel in one of his properties near the Big Southern mining camp yesterday.

At a distance of 150 feet from the mouth he stumbled over what proved to be a huge brown bear. The animal had been driven into the mine to escape the cold weather. Booth immediately realized his danger and grappled with the bear, clubbing the beast over the head with a boulder of ore. In this way the bear was rendered unconscious and finally killed.

Christmas dance in the opera house in this city, given by Independence orchestra.

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