

COUNTY CLERK COLEMAN BORROWS \$1609 TO PAY MONEY DUE STATE

PUBLIC OFFICIAL ADMITS USING STATE FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE THEREBY CREATING A SHORTAGE

Coleman Admits He Was Forced to Borrow to Refund Money Due State Treasurer for Game and Fish Licenses—Kept All Funds in Office in One General Bank Account in His Own Name With No Attempt at Segregation—Checked Out of It for His Personal Expenses.

GAME WARDEN FINLEY AGREES TO DROP MATTER UNLESS BOARD DEMANDS INTEREST

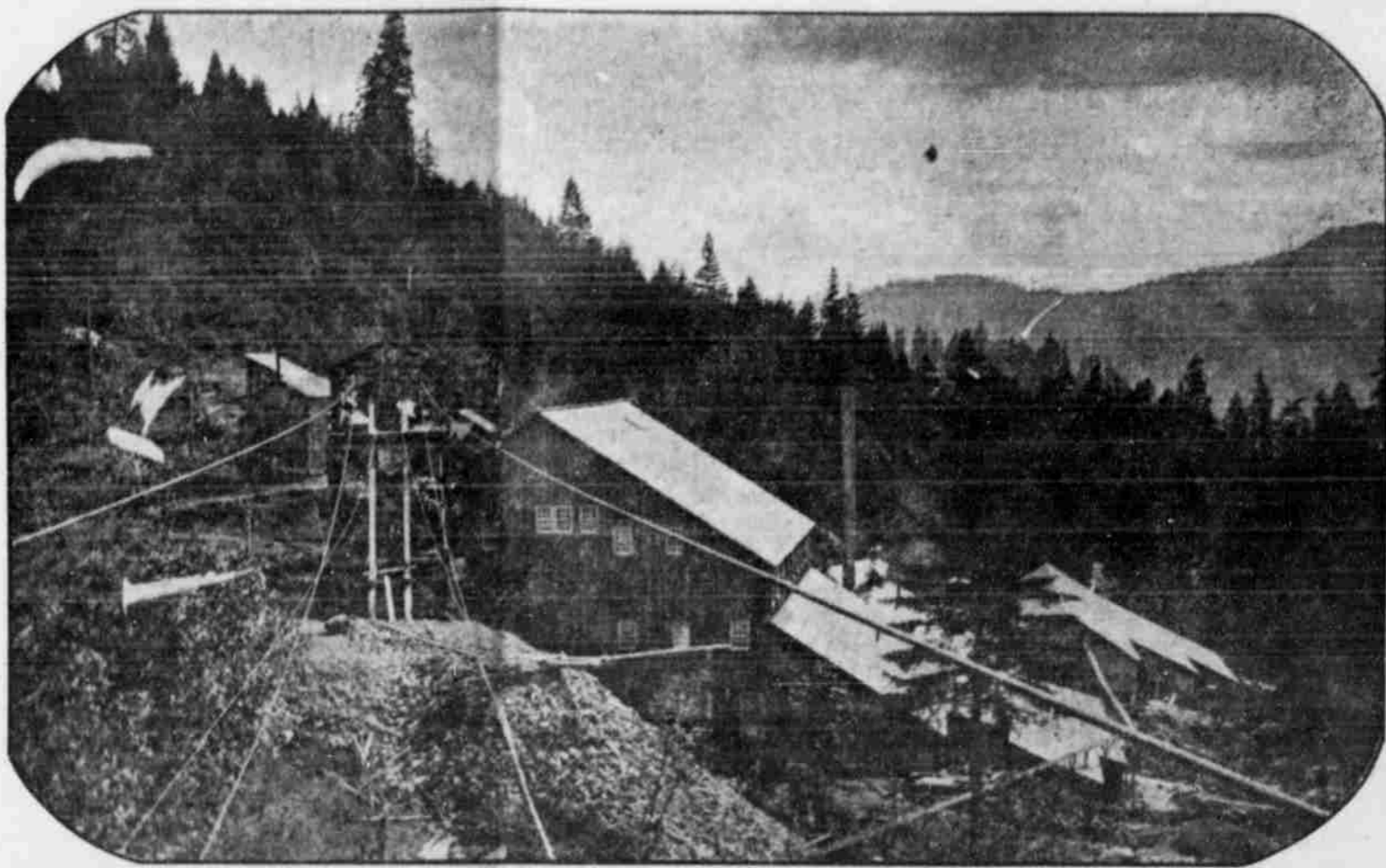
County Clerk Very Frank in Admissions and Makes Complete Statement Regarding Laxity of Methods Prevailing—Friends Owe Him Considerable—Finley Denies Politics Played Part.

County Clerk W. R. Coleman this morning paid over to the state treasurer the balance of \$609 due for fishing and hunting licenses at the demand of W. F. Finley, state game warden. Mr. Finley demanded an explanation from Mr. Coleman regarding the fund for the past two years and Mr. Coleman admitted: That he had kept all of the funds of his office, both state, county and personal, in one general bank account, with no attempt at segregation between his own funds and those of the state and county. That this money was deposited in several banks of the county in his own name and not as "W. R. Coleman, county clerk." That he has drawn checks on the fund for his personal use. That he was forced to borrow \$1609 in order to pay the amount due the state for fishing and hunting licenses. That a published statement of his to the effect that he "had all of the money in the bank intact" was a mistake, due probably to the fact that the interview was given over a telephone. That he has also used the fund to buy county warrants for his friends to accommodate them, but that he never profited thereby. Mr. Coleman maintains that he has not derived one cent of benefit either through interest or otherwise from the fund. Mr. Finley stated to Mr. Coleman this morning that inasmuch as he had paid into the state treasury all of the money due, his interest in the matter had ceased unless the state decided to demand interest on the money. If such a demand is made Mr. Coleman says he stands ready to pay interest, if it be demanded by the state.

Blaming the system under which his office is run, and maintaining that he has not done anything with a criminal intent, W. R. Coleman, county clerk, this morning admitted to W. F. Finley, state game warden, and to representatives of the two Medford newspapers, that he was forced to borrow money to meet the demands of the state for money due by him for fishing and hunting licenses issued during the past two years, that he kept only one fund in the banks of the county into which went all of the moneys received by his office under the name of "W. R. Coleman" and not as "W. R. Coleman, county clerk," and that he has checked against this fund for all purposes, even for his personal use. He admitted that the statement credited to him in a published interview to the effect that he "had all of the money in the bank intact" was a mistake, as well as a statement by his attorney in the justice court to that effect. Mr. Coleman made these admissions when pressed for an accounting of the funds for the past two years by Game Warden Finley. Coleman also paid over to the state treasurer \$609, the balance due for the past two years, squaring the account in full. Game Warden Finley, following the admissions by Mr. Coleman and the payment of the balance due, stated that as far as he was concerned he was through with the matter unless the state saw fit to demand interest for the funds held back for two years. In turn Mr. Coleman said that should such a demand be made by the state that he would pay it.

Coleman's Statement. "I want to clear this matter up in full," stated Mr. Coleman, this morning, "for I want the people of Jackson county to know the truth of the matter. I have made it a practice to deposit all moneys received by my office in a common fund which I have split between several banks in the county. This money has been deposited in my name and I have checked against it as I have seen fit. When the demand of the game warden was made to me on Monday afternoon I immediately wrote out checks for \$9720. I was forced at that time to borrow \$1000 of this amount from the Bank of Jacksonville and I also later borrowed an additional \$609 with which I paid the balance of the account.

MEDFORD, OREGON, AS A MINING CENTER



The famous Greenback Mine in Grave Creek district, which has milled over \$3,000,000 in gold and which has lately been reopened. The cut is from the pamphlet issued for the Medford Mining Congress February 2 and 3.

NO IMMUNITY BATH PROVIDED FOR MORRIS

Judge Gatens Refuses to Consent to Dismissal of Indictments Against Convicted Bank Wrecker, Despite Promises of Prosecution.

TESTIMONY SAME AS FIRST GIVEN IN CASE

Afternoon Consumed in Cross-Examination of State's Leading Witness Who Pleaded Guilty Yesterday.

PORTLAND, Jan. 31.—The trial of Louis J. Wilde for embezzlement in Judge Kavanaugh's court was given over this forenoon to the re-direct examination of W. Cooper Morris, formerly cashier of the defunct Oregon Savings and Trust company, who recently pleaded guilty to the indictment which jointly charged he and Wilde with looting the bank of \$90,000.

His testimony was practically the same as that given when he first testified against Wilde. He took the stand again this afternoon.

PORTLAND, Jan. 31.—Despite the fact that Presiding Judge Gatens of the circuit court has refused to dismiss the 11 indictments against W. Cooper Morris, formerly cashier of the wrecked Oregon Savings and Trust bank, Morris, who gave testimony against Louis J. Wilde in exchange for such action, was not downcast today. His manner indicated that some understanding had been arrived at between him and the district attorney's office and that he would not lose by the trade.

In making his refusal Judge Gatens said he did not want to participate in any action that would put a premium on dishonesty and that he held Morris unfaithful and deserving. Gatens' action, however, will in no way affect Morris' testimony against Wilde, who is on trial for embezzlement of the bank's funds. Lawyers today do not think the statute terminating the life of a jury at the end of a court term, which in this instance comes today, will interfere with the progress of the trial.

BILL FOR GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Victor L. Berger, socialist congressman from Milwaukee, today introduced a bill in the house providing for government ownership of railroads and of telegraph, telephone and express companies engaged in interstate commerce. The bill provides for the purchase by enforced condemnation of the properties, the government to pay for the corporation securities in government bonds. Another provision in the bill provides a new federal department of transportation.

THOUSANDS WELCOME CARDINAL O'CONNOR HOME

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 31.—Thousands of persons welcomed Cardinal O'Connor on his return to the United States from Rome. He was escorted from the steamer Canopic, at the Long wharf, to his home by a big parade. Rough weather delayed the vessel's arrival two days.

BOY SCOUT CHIEF ARRIVES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Welcomed by an escort of 11 American boy scouts, headed by William Walter, bearing a message of welcome from President Taft, Lieutenant General Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the boy scout movement, arrived here today from England on the steamer Arcadian.

TAFT LONELY AT WASHINGTON

President Tells Ohio Editors That He Has Lacked the Knowledge of What Sad History Told Him—Tine Need of Constant Reiteration.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 31.—"I think that when we get stripped for the fight and get into the arena with only two antagonists and their parties drawn up on each side, we will be able to show warrant for our continuance in power."

This was the keynote of a speech by President Taft here today before the republican editors of Ohio before he left for Akron, where he will speak tonight.

Referring to himself the president said: "Sometimes it is lonely at Washington because I feel it is hard to bring out to those really interested and who have the right to know the real reason certain things are done and why certain things are not done."

"There are those who, in doing things, are able to make so clear the right there are upholding that they don't feel the lack of a general spread of information on such a subject. But I am not of these. I have lacked the knowledge of what sad history told me—that you cannot hammer a thing into the people too often; that reiteration is the thing that tells in spreading any doctrine."

MARKET IS STEADY BONDS ARE FIRM

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—At the opening of today's stock market heavy selling of United States Steel forced that issue down nearly a point. With this exception the market was fairly steady with irregular changes. Missouri, Kansas & Texas gained 3-4, American Sugar 5-8 and Bethlehem Steel a half point. St. Paul and Union Pacific were heavy. The market closed steady. Bonds were firm.

DAILY MASSACRES IN PROGRESS IN MANCHURIA

TIENTSIN, Jan. 31.—Refugees arriving here today from Mukden, Manchuria, tell stories of daily massacres there. They declare that 20,000 brigands are over-running all territory about Mukden and are killing hundreds of Chinese.

SON OF HEAVEN WILL ABDICATE

Quarrels Over Division of Annual Allowance Only Obstacle to Emperor's Leaving Throne—Sum of \$2,000,000 Insufficient.

PEKIN, Jan. 31.—Squabbles over the division of annual allowances of \$2,000,000 the republicans are willing to pay to the imperialists are today rife among the Manchu princes and are credited with being the only obstacle to the emperor's abdication.

The younger Manchu princes declare the sum is insufficient and besides they are dissatisfied with the share of the annuity proportioned to them. The belief is general here, however, that abdication is only a matter of a short time, and that the Manchus finally will agree to fight out the division of the annuity between themselves after peace has been established.

CHINESE EMPEROR SIGNS ABDICATION ARTICLES

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Dispatches received here today from Tien Tsin say that the emperor of China and the Manchu princes have signed articles of abdication but will remain for a month at Peking, owing to the threats to shoot them if they try to leave.

Hundreds of natives, the dispatches say, have taken refuge in the foreign quarter of Tien Tsin, and an outbreak of the imperial troops is imminent.

DARROW'S DEFENSE IS OUTLINED BY ROGERS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 31.—Earl Rogers, counsel for Clarence Darrow, indicate today that the defense will seek to prove that Bert H. Franklin became identified with the McNamara defense only after coming to a definite understanding with the opposing side. Asked to outline so far as he is willing to divulge the general intention of the defense, Rogers prepared the following statement: "I do not want a verdict of 'not proven.' I want a verdict of 'not guilty.' I expect not only to prevent a conviction, but hope to rehabilitate Mr. Darrow in public estimation, if such be necessary."

"The defense expects the suit to prove Mr. Darrow's innocence. Therefore, while there will be no sacrifice of his legal rights, there will be no interminable, picaresque attention to small detail. It will be no technical fight."

BOB'S ADVICE TO OHIO PEOPLE

"Give Ohio Government by Majorities Not Government by Pluralities," States Senator Robert M. La Follette.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 31.—"Give Ohio government by majorities, not government by pluralities."

So wrote Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin to President Herbert S. Bigelow of the constitutional convention, in session here today, in urging up on him the preferential plan of voting at both primaries and general elections, particularly for members of the general assembly.

"I attribute nearly all the misfortune in Wisconsin during the past six years, including the election of a reactionary legislature and a United States senator who misrepresented the people," said La Follette, "through the ignorant use of money, to our failure to adopt the second choice plan when we enacted our primary law."

BURNS WITNESS LORIMER CASE

Detective Tells How He Was Employed by Senate Committee and Then by Chicago Tribune to Unearth Bribe Scandal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Detective William J. Burns today took the stand in the Lorimer hearing before the senate investigating committee.

Burns testified that the Lorimer committee employed him from last June to October to investigate the testimony of Charles McGowan, a Lorimer witness. He dropped the case in October, he said, because the committee stopped his fees. Afterward, the detective said, he met Editor James Keeley of the Chicago Tribune in New York, who guaranteed to pay the bill if Burns continued his investigation.

"I found," said Burns, "that McGowan lived with his father near Toronto. I telephoned the elder McGowan and asked that he and his son visit me in Toronto. He asked me why, and I told him I would show that his son had perjured himself be-

LONE ROBBER ROBS HOSTELRY

Daylight Burglar Holds Up Guests of San Francisco Hotel After Binding and Gagging Elevator Man—Rifles Hotel Cash Box of \$875; Escapes.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 31.—Holding several guests of the Winchester hotel at bay with two automatic revolvers, a lone bandit today, after binding and gagging Elevatorman A. A. Robertson, rifled the hotel cash box of \$875 and escaped.

The bandit entered the hotel at 3 o'clock this morning and registered as B. Hardy. Nearly two hours later he asked to be shown to his room. Elevatorman Robertson turning on the lights. As Robertson turned to leave the robber struck him on the head and then bound his hands and feet with the bed sheets.

Then the robber entered the elevator and descended to the lobby. Night Clerk Tved had left his post for a moment, but three guests were in the office.

"Make a move or shout and I'll kill every man of you," warned the bandit. Then he entered the enclosure and proceeded to loot the cash box. Tved returned while this was in progress, but the bandit's revolver brought him to a stop. Stuffing the coin in his pockets, the bandit backed out of the door and fled. Several officers joined in the chase, but the bandit eluded his pursuers, dodged into an alley and disappeared.

BRISBANE, Australia, Jan. 31.—Over 16,000 men are now out in the sympathetic strike here. This morning the mechanical and editorial staffs of the Daily Mail and Courier went out and as a result only four-page papers were published. All the strikers are orderly.

fore the Lorimer committee. He called me a liar and I called him a damned liar. Finally he asked me to come and see him, saying I would be in no danger. I answered that I would not be in danger anywhere." Burns said he wanted to advise McGowan to return before the senate committee and admit that he had perjured himself. He declared that he left the service of the senate committee because it considered the expense of his investigation prohibitive. At this point Judge Elbridge Hauecy, counsel for Lorimer, said something about Burns "meddling his ways." Burns replied: "My reputation is as good as yours. I think it will be found to be even better. Any time you hand me anything like that I'll hand it back."