

UNCLE SAM IS AFTER HOUSTON

MARSHAL REED WIRES SHERIFF
BARNES TO "HOLD" HIM

ON WHAT CHARGE IS NOT STATED

No Likelihood of the Sheriff Letting
His Prisoner Go on His Own
Recognizance

A telegram was received Friday evening from United States Marshall Reed, directed to Sheriff Barnes, advising that T. E. Yorke was wanted by the government, and asking that he be held awaiting the arrival of a deputy, who, the dispatch states, is on his way to this city. The telegram caused some amusement throughout the city when its contents became known, for there is no probability that Sheriff Barnes is going to throw the doors of his boarding house open and tell Mr. Houston to hike.

What Uncle Sam wants of Houston is unknown, and this is the first intimation that anyone has had that he has been wanted by the federal authorities. Attorneys who have been asked relative to the jurisdiction of the government in this matter state that it will have to wait until Oregon gets through with the prisoner. In that case Uncle Sam will be in the same boat with Washington, Illinois and other commonwealths who are desirous of placing that gentleman in durance vile.

Another telegram was received from Seattle, stating that if the personal effects were desired they would be forwarded to this city. It is understood that among these effects is the cork leg that has played such an important part in the locating of Houston. Seattle has always been known as a leg-pulling town, but no one has heretofore accused that city of entirely removing that member from the anatomy of its victim. Doubtless it wanted to retain it as a memento of the occasion.

No word has been received from Portland since the Herald's dispatch of yesterday, so it is presumed that Sheriff Barnes will reach here this evening with his prisoner. What action will be taken after his arrival has not been decided upon. District Attorney Kuykendall is absent from the city, and he has not designated any attorney to act as his deputy. It may be that a preliminary hearing will be held this evening, and Houston bound over to the grand jury, so as to preclude any possibility of the federal authorities securing any claim to him. That act would place him directly under the jurisdiction of this circuit court, and effectively stop any claim that might be advanced by the government.

(Special to The Herald by the United Press)

SEATTLE, June 30.—Washington has bowed to the wishes of the State of Oregon and surrendered to her officers the much-wanted forger, Thaddeus M. Yorke, or as he was known in Klamath Falls, Oregon, Frank B. Houston. Realizing that the expense connected with the running down of this man was born by the American Bank and Trust company, this state was willing to waive for the present its right to try him for his alleged crimes within this commonwealth, and he was delivered into the hands of Sheriff W. B. Barnes of Klamath county yesterday afternoon. That official, much pleased with the success of his mission, and accompanied by Claude Daggett, the representative of the institution that was swindled by Houston, left last night for Klamath Falls.

Before his departure a representative of the Herald called on Yorke in the county jail and asked if he had any statement to make relative to the crime with which he was charged in Klamath Falls. He stated that he would absolutely have nothing to say about it; that he was ready and willing to return to the Oregon city and face his accusers, and that he would have no difficulty in proving that he was guiltless of any violation of the law. He would make no statement as to what defense he would set up. He will employ counsel on reaching Klamath Falls, and what line of action is to be followed will depend upon his advice.

KEY TO CORK LEG BETRAYS SWINDLER

Man Who Duped Banks in Many
Cities Captured in Seattle

(From the Portland Telegram)
After a spectacular swindling career along lines identical with those of J. Rufus Wallingford of summer fiction, Thaddeus E. Yorke was run to earth in Seattle yesterday because he

wanted to take a bath, and to do so he had to unlock his cork leg. Yorke, under the alias of Frank B. Houston, swindled the American Bank and Trust company of Klamath Falls of \$8,500, where he played the Wallingford role to perfection, and then he came to Portland and under the name of J. A. Ross he swindled a local bank out of \$2,500, which sum he promptly invested in Portland real estate.

Yorke is considered one of the cleverest swindlers in the country, and for the past year the Pinkertons have been on his trail. He has buncoed big concerns for many thousands of dollars, and bought tracts of land in Oregon and Washington, buying outright an entire township in Washington. His operations have extended over the Pacific Coast and in the south, and but for the fact that he wanted to take a bath, Yorke might today be a free man.

Yorke had a cork leg. While in San Francisco he had a new leg made, for which he deposited \$50, when the price was \$150. Thus Yorke beat the cork leg manufacturer out of \$100 until one day, when he wanted to bathe and to do so must remove the leg, he lost the key. Yorke sent to the maker for a duplicate key, accompanying it with the \$100 he had neglected to pay originally. The lost key was found by the Pinkertons, and with this bit of metal as a clew the detectives traced the swindler finally to the steamer President when it left San Francisco for Seattle. P. K. Ahern, of the Pinkerton Bank & Bankers' Association, was advised by telegraph, and with the sheriff of King county caused Yorke's arrest when he stepped ashore yesterday.

Henry E. Von Groenewald, in charge of the Pinkerton office in Portland, had been searching for Yorke for the trick he turned on a local bank a few weeks ago, under the name of Ross. Von Groenewald says that Yorke is an ex-convict, who was a telegraph operator. The swindler secured 57 blanks of the Northern Express Company's money orders, and by means of these secured \$10,000 in coin. Last year he trimmed James Stone, of Chicago, for \$900. In Kentucky he operated extensively, and touched the State Bank of Chicago for \$5,000. Last April he swindled the American Bank & Trust Company of Klamath Falls for \$8,500, and then came to Portland, cleaned up \$2,500, and going to Seattle, swindled the American Savings & Trust Company for \$1,339. In May he swindled a Bellingham bank for \$2,200.

Representing himself as Frank B. Houston, Yorke visited the Klamath Falls Investment Company at San Francisco and said he had a large amount of money to invest. He was recommended to go to Klamath Falls, which he did, and there he rivalled Wallingford. As Houston, Yorke entertained royally, gave joy rides and looked over Klamath Falls. He said he thought the place needed a hotel and he would build a \$100,000 establishment. He let contracts for a \$20,000 hotel, saying it would be enlarged as business warranted. With the American Bank & Trust Company, he deposited a cashier's check on the First National Bank of Lexington, Ky., for \$19,860. He had similar phoney checks for \$30,000 and \$40,000. Later he drew out \$5,325, and a short time afterward an additional \$2,000.

Having established himself as a promoter, a good fellow and high liver, Yorke bought \$556.25 worth of jewelry from H. J. Winters, the Klamath Falls jeweler, and gave a worthless check in payment. This jeweler, explained Yorke, was presented to various people in Klamath Falls as a token of his esteem and regard. J. Rufus Wallingford could not have worked the game on a larger scale nor made a better impression. Then he departed.

Portland was his next stop, and as J. A. Ross he perpetrated one swindle, after which he skipped, with Von Groenewald on his trail. Back and forth along the coast Yorke flitted until caught. He went to Tonopah, Nev., and loafed around the poolrooms. Having been a telegraph operator, he read the messages on races coming over the wire, and with this knowledge he stung the poolrooms. This he considered such a good joke that he confided it to a business man at Klamath Falls.

The Tonopah adventure occurred before he had the duplicate key to his leg sent to Pasco, Wash. Yorke believed in the West, and for this reason a great deal of the money he secured by swindles he invested in real estate. He has property in Portland and several places in Oregon. Washington, too, attracted him and he invested in the Pine Tree State freely.

At various times he operated under the names of John W. Lee, W. M. Sotherland, George W. Hampton, Frank B. Houston and J. A. Ross.

ADMONISHES FREDERICK MELHASE

SEES ONLY BRIGHT SIDE OF HIS
PRESENT PREDICAMENT

Chides That Gentleman for Feeling
Sorry for One Houston, and
Says Something About Graft

Thaddeus E. Yorke, better known in this city as Frank B. Houston, or the man who bought the Herald for the Hog Combine, is back among his friends. And in using the word "friends" one is not far off, for there is a strong sentiment of sympathy for the man who beat Melhase. None say that they would like to see him free, but about 99 out of 100 express themselves as being glad he got the money.

Yorke got in Saturday evening, accompanied by Sheriff Barnes and Claude Daggett. He was an ideal traveling companion, not causing the slightest trouble to anyone. He stated that he would have returned without extradition papers, and was ready to place his case before a jury of Klamath county citizens, and let them judge as to whether he violated the law or not.

Immediately following his being locked in the jail he was visited by Attorney C. F. Stone, representing the American Bank and Trust company, Fred Melhase, whose anxiety to wipe the Herald out of existence enriched a certain gentleman to the tune of \$7,800, Claude Daggett and Fred Schollock. He was apparently glad to see Melhase, and greeted him with a cordial handshake and a warm smile, remarking, "Well, Melhase, it takes all kinds of people to make a world."

Melhase, with tears of "sympathy" in his eyes, told Houston how sorry he was to see him in that fix, but was somewhat disconcerted by that gentleman's reply: "Oh, don't feel sorry for me. It is all a case of graft in this world. You see, I was unfortunate in getting caught. You are fortunate. So, you see, you had better save your sympathy."

A representative of this paper visited Houston Sunday and asked him if he had any statement to make for publication. "Not a word," was his prompt reply. "I am somewhat up against it just now. They took all my money and everything else that I had, and I have not just secured my bearings. What course I will pursue I have not decided on. But I have nothing to say for publication at this or any future time."

He was quite ready to discuss the weather or anything else, but whenever the subject of the charge on which he was arrested was touched he was as mum as an oyster.

Up to the time of going to press he has expressed no desire for an attorney, nor has he evinced any wish that he be brought before a justice for hearing. He passes the time playing cards and reading the papers, apparently oblivious of his surroundings, but with all this outward calm it can be seen that he is studying his case closely and planning out a course of defense.

It was rumored this morning that Melhase was anxious to reach some kind of a compromise with him, looking to a return of the money, but Houston states that he is broke, and that all he had was grabbed by the Washington authorities when he was arrested in Seattle, so that the American Bank and Trust company stands a very poor show of effecting a return of any portion of the funds paid out by its astute president.

It was stated this morning that Houston would not be given a hearing before Justice Miller until the latter part of the week. One reason advanced for this course of procedure was the fact that there was no district attorney here, Mr. Kuykendall being absent in Lakeview on the Harold murder case. The other was to the effect that the hearing was postponed to admit of the arrival from Lexington, Ky., of an official of the bank from which the certificate of deposit is alleged to have been issued. This document will play an important part in his approaching trial.

Happiness and Sorrow

In happiness there are far more regions unknown than there are in misfortune. The voice of misfortune is ever the same; happiness becomes the more silent as it penetrates deeper. He is the happiest man who best understands his happiness, for he is of all men most fully aware that it is only the lofty idea, the untiring, courageous, human idea, that separates gladness from sorrow.—Maeterlinck.

Cameras especially devised for taking photographs from balloons is a novelty.

The work of compiling a magnetic survey of Africa has been practically completed.

GOES TO THE AGENCY LANDING

FAMOUS STEAMER PLIES THE
WATERS OF UPPER LAKE

Crater Lake Line Will Be Opened for
Tourist Travel Within a Very
Few Days

The steamer Klamath started Friday morning for Agency landing on her maiden trip on the Upper Lake. Since she was transferred from Lake Ewauna to the Upper lake she has been thoroughly overhauled and repainted, and presents a natty appearance. The trip today is for the purpose of trying her out, and discovering any points that need further overhauling.

It is the plan of the Crater Lake company, which owns the concessions within the park, to open a line of transportation between this city and the Upper lake some time next week. Passengers will be taken from this city to the landing, where they will board the Klamath for the trip to Agency landing. There they will board automobiles and be taken to Crater lake. It is proposed to make the trip one of the most pleasurable and comfortable possible.

Manager Hayward, who will have charge of the hotel facilities at the lake, is still in the city making arrangements. He states that he will probably remain here until after the Fourth, when he will go to the lake and make the final arrangements for the opening of the hotel.

EVERYTHING IS READY AT CRATER LAKE PARK

Alfred L. Parkhurst, who will be the manager of the Crater Lake company's interests at the park this summer was in town Saturday. He states that everything is now in readiness for the reception of tourists. The hotel accommodations will be better than any season, and under the care of Manager Hayward he expects to establish a reputation for the hostelry that will be a valuable asset for future seasons. He states that boat and automobile services will be inaugurated at once, and he believes that it will be such as to command the patronage of those visiting this historic spot.

Superintendent Arrant stated today that every road and trail in the park has been cleared and the worst spots repaired. He expects to return to the park immediately after the Fourth, when further roadwork will be prosecuted, and he says that within a week they should be in splendid condition.

Those interested in the affairs of the park look forward to a record-breaking year. Already the tourist travel has far exceeded anything on record thus early in the season, and if it is an indication of what is to come, the high water mark of last year will be exceeded by many thousands of tourists.

SAVED FOOL KILLER A JOB

George Hart Demonstrates Once More
How Little Judgment a Man
May Possess

BOULDER, Mont., July 1.—Just for an experiment George Hart fired a shot at the wall of a warehouse in which he was aware was stored a large quantity of dynamite. As a result Hart, his wife and two-year-old baby and David Kerby are dead, Albert Taylor and Miss Gladys are fatally injured and Wm. Robinson is seriously injured, all caused by the explosion which followed the foolhardy trick. The bullet only penetrated an inch, but the impact caused the explosion. The town was jarred considerably, and many were slightly injured by falling bricks and glass.

\$2,373,800 FOR OREGON

Rivers and Harbors Bill Make That
Amount Available for This State

Now that the president has signed the rivers and harbors bill, engineer officers of the Oregon district are making preparations to carry on the work made possible by the appropriations allotted to these districts by congress. In all the appropriations made for these districts amount to \$2,373,800 for maintenance and improvements.

The list of appropriations is as follows:

Improvements at Coos Bay, \$400,000; improvement of Tillamook bay and bar, \$5,000; improvement of Coos river, \$3,000; improvement of Willamette river in regard to buying present locks or building new ones, \$200,000; improvement of Willamette and Yamhill rivers, \$60,000; improvement of Columbia and lower Willamette rivers, \$175,000; improvement of Columbia river, \$1,200,000, including repairs and operation of dredge; for gauging waters of Columbia river and measuring tidal and river volume, \$1,000; improvement of Columbia at Cascade, \$5,000; improvement of Columbia river and

tributaries above Celilo Falls to the mouth of the Snake river, Oregon and Washington, \$90,000; improvement of Snake river, Oregon, Washington and Idaho, \$25,000; improvement of Cowlitz river and Lewis river, Washington, \$34,100, and improvement of Grays river, Washington, \$500.

It is expected that these amounts will carry on the government work at the places designated for the fiscal year beginning July 1.—Oregon Journal.

OREGON TRUNK TO BUILD SPUR INTO BIG TIMBER BELT

Weyerhaeusers to Establish Mill on
Deschutes—85-Mile Contract Let
on Natron-Vale Branch

CRESCENT, Ore., July 1.—Railroad activity, which was temporarily suspended recently by reason of the order holding up construction on the south seventy miles of the Oregon Trunk line, gives promise of renewal in the awarding of eighty-five miles of construction work by the Southern Pacific to Erickson & Peterson, contractors. It is understood the work is to be done on the Natron-Vale branch of the new road now building toward Crescent from Eugene. A camp at Hazel Dell just across the range has been connected with the Hoey ranch, twelve miles west, where a force of Southern Pacific men is employed building a wagon road so that freight and supplies may be taken to the camps. Although no official announcement has been made, it is asserted on good authority that a construction camp will be established this side of the summit, within thirty miles of Crescent, within thirty days.

The preliminary survey of the Natron-Vale line runs about a mile south of Crescent, but negotiations are now on foot for the purchase of right of way through the town and the railroad has secured from the interior department permission to change its survey through the forest reserve, with the intention, it is stated, of bringing the line into Crescent. A depot will likely be put in here. General Manager O'Brien of the O., R. & N. visited here last week and made a tour of the valley to the south of here, looking over the work on the line from Klamath Falls, building in the direction of Crescent.

The Oregon Trunk line has purchased right of way for a spur to the Weyerhaeuser properties in the timber belt along the Deschutes river, which passes through the townsite holdings. The lumber company plans a large mill at this point as soon as the railroads reach here.

RUMORS OF BALLINGER'S RESIGNATION REVIVED

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 2.—Rumors of the resignation of Secretary Ballinger as Secretary of the Interior have been revived with more force than ever. It is reported that Roosevelt has refused his support of the administration with Ballinger as a member of the cabinet, and as a consequence Ballinger will resign and return to his law practice after his "acquittal" in September. Roosevelt's support of Pinchot, while expected, has had the effect of arousing public interest greatly.

Mrs. J. A. Libbey and Mrs. H. C. White of Oakland arrived Friday evening to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Clarke. They expect to remain a couple of weeks. Mrs. Libbey is Mrs. Clarke's mother and Mrs. White her sister.

JOHNSON IS NOW THE CHAMPION

LEFT SWING TO RIGHT EYE
GIVES NEGRO ADVANTAGE

JEFFRIES DAZED BY CHANCE BLOW

Optic Nerve Was so Affected After
Second Round That He Saw
Double During Fight

RENO, Nev., July 5.—Jack Johnson knocked out James J. Jeffries in the fifteenth round of a fight in which he proved the better man during the whole contest.

Perhaps it was because the youthful stamina was lacking, perhaps of something psychological, perhaps a piece of luck; at any rate, Jack Johnson stands forth the greatest heavyweight pugilist in the world. There is none to dispute his title, unless it is Sam Langford.

Johnson showed the greater speed, strength, judgment and skill.

Jeffries Goes to Pieces.

Jeffries lost everything he showed in his training the moment he entered the ring. Why he should go to pieces the moment he entered the ring is a psychological question, but all his trainers say he did so, and lost all save his grit. Then Johnson's left swing to the right eye in the second round was a lucky punch, because it not only closed the right optic, but paralyzed the sympathetic nerve of Jeff's left eye, and caused Jeff to see double. "I would see two Johnsons swing; one would miss and the other one would hit me," said Jeffries.

It is claimed that from the second round on Jeffries fought only instinctively.

Town Is Deserted.

The town is deserted. Many who had planned an orgy in case Jeffries won boarded trains and drew out quickly. Johnson went to Chicago last night. Jeffries leaves for Los Angeles today.

TOWN SURROUNDED BY PIERCE FOREST FIRES

Last Word Received Before Wires Go
Down Is Appeal for Help

United Press Service.

LAVELEE, Ont., June 30.—Fort Francis Deviline is reported to be surrounded by forest fires. The last word before the wires went down was that the place was in imminent danger of destruction, and a frantic appeal for assistance. Lavelee is unable to send aid because it is also seriously threatened. All the women and children have been sent to places of safety, while the men are fighting for their lives. The fires have destroyed several thousand acres of timber, and back firing is the only hope now entertained for escape.

CALL FOR STATEMENT OF NATIONAL BANK CONDITIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 1.—The comptroller of currency this morning issued a call for a statement of the condition of banks at the close of business June 30th.

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SPECIAL RESORT FOR TOURISTS