

Situation Is Serious In Portland

Three Hundred Carpenters are Now Idle

CONSPIRACY DENIED BY LUMBER DEALERS

Mill Men Say Shipments Have Caused Scarcity, and Hence Local Demands Cannot be Filled

Portland, April 21.—"Lumber, give us lumber," is the cry from all over the city. Scarcely a contractor in town can procure a foot of building material from any of the mills running full blast, day and night. As a result of this condition two-thirds of the carpenters have been laid off, and by tomorrow evening it is doubtful if 50 hammers will be at work. For the past three days the scarcity of lumber has everywhere been felt. By yesterday many buildings were forced to suspend construction. Carpenter work upon the Weinhart building has been at a standstill since Friday.

the issues of the strike at a mass meeting.

Uniforms Are Gray

Berlin, April 21.—The Kaiser has ordered the introduction of gray uniforms for the entire German army.

Noted Orator Passes Over

Independence, Mo., April 21.—Colonel John Crisp, the noted orator and politician, died at his home here this morning.

Policy King Imprisoned

New York, April 21.—Al Adams, the policy king, recently convicted of running a policy game, was this morning sentenced to imprisonment for a year, and to pay a fine of \$1000.

The Big Ship Comes In

New York, April 21.—The Kaiser Wilhelm Second, the longest and swiftest vessel in the world, now on her maiden voyage from Bremen, was sighted this morning, 40 miles east of Nantucket lightship. She should arrive at her pier at 7 o'clock this evening. No records will be broken, with the possible exception of the biggest day's run. She showed nearly 24 knots on her trial trip.

BENSON ESCAPES HANGING

Jury Reaches Verdict Monday

Some Specious Arguments as Self Defense

Plea Diaphanous But it Went to with the Jury

Olympia, Wash., April 21.—Christ Benson, who shot and killed his jailer, David Morrell, in an attempt to escape from the Thurston county jail on March 1st, has been convicted of manslaughter. The jury returned its verdict at 9:30 last night. The theory, it is presumed, on which Benson, who first attacked Morrell with a piece of lead pipe, had desisted from the attack, and was endeavoring to flee when pursued and shot by the jailer, and was driven to protect himself by killing Morrell.

The attorneys presented their argument, the prosecution maintaining that Benson was guilty of murder in the first degree, having by his own and other testimony shown that the deed was premeditated. The defense maintained that as far as the assault upon the jailer, with the lead pipe, for the purpose of rendering him unconscious was concerned, it was premeditated, but after he ran from the jailer to make his escape, and found the doors were all securely locked, he was no longer the aggressor. The defense argued that the shooting was done in self-defense.

Benson was quite nervous during the trial today, and on several occasions when reference was made to his mother and his home he was on the verge of breaking down. The court room was crowded to the doors, a large number of women being present.

Relies on Insanity

Indianapolis, April 21.—Castrell's trial was continued today, the defense not offering any evidence disproving the state's testimony, but relying solely on the insanity plea.

Crocker's Horse Runs Second

London, April 21.—The Metropolitan stakes at Epsom Downs was won today by Wavelet's Pride, Richard Crocker's Liquidator second, Prince Florisel third. Nine horses ran.

He Killed His Wife

San Francisco, April 21.—In a fit of jealous rage Michael Nihil killed his wife in his grocery, at 11 o'clock this morning, and with the remaining cartridge he attempted suicide, but the latter failed. When asked the cause, he said: "She wouldn't stay with me, and robbed me of all my money."

Says it Was a Conspiracy

Frankfort, April 21.—Yountsey was recalled in the Howard case this morning. He was closely questioned as to certain details and his feeling toward Goebel. He got excited, and said this thing from the start was a damnable conspiracy to clear everybody else and throw the whole blame on him.

Congressman and Editor

Paducah, Ill., April 21.—Ex-Congressman Wheeler and Editor of the Morning Register Wilhelm had a fight in front of the federal building at noon today over an editorial attacking Wheeler. They were separated by friends, the editor being worsted. Both are dead game, and trouble is feared.

BRYAN ROASTS GROVER

Had Best Opportunity Since Jackson

Deserted Democrats in Their Hour of Need

Says He Carried Cleveland's Burden Through Campaigns

Kansas City, April 21.—Bryan bitterly arraigned Cleveland in his address before the Jackson County Democratic Club banquet early this morning. He said we need moral courage more than ability, and we want the kind of moral courage that will fight for honest Democratic principles. The Democratic bed is wide enough for all who want to come in, but we don't want to have to sit up all night to keep certain pretenders from picking our pockets. We have had enough of Clevelandism. We had four years of it, and found ourselves betrayed. Cleveland and his followers deserted us in our need, and supported the Republican party. I carried the burden of his administration through two campaigns. Cleveland had the best opportunity of any president since Andrew Jackson, but, instead of being true to his party, he disgraced himself.

ORATORIO SOCIETY REHEARSAL TONIGHT.

Penitentiary Scandal is Exploding

May Have Been Nothing But Deception After All


MRS. CARLISLE WAS NOT ENCIENTE

She Has Grown Corpulent But is Not Believed to Be Delicate

After all the fuss and feathers last winter, and the exploitation of a scandal in the public service, a legislative examination, and the discharge of several innocent parties, the great fact comes to light that there was nothing in it. In what? Well, the modest reporter doesn't like to tell, but it has leaked out that the terrible calamity that was reported from the penitentiary last winter never happened. In short, the woman prisoner who basely slandered herself to the detriment of several male officials last winter now stands a living witness against herself as having, as it were, obtained goods under false pretenses. In short, her reported condition at that time is now proven almost be-

yond a doubt to have been a fake, a ruse, a bold scheme for liberty. Physician Uncertain. The physician who has charge of the (Continued on page five.)

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