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KINGSTON DESTROYED

ANTI-GRAFT FIGHT OVER STATE PRINTING AND JOINT COMMITTEE

KAY TRYING TO TIE UP THE SENATE

Sitting on the Lid of the Clerkship and Investigation Graft

Kay, of Marion, has taken the position of watch dog of the treasury in the senate, and his first warfare has been to keep down the clerkships.

As chairman of the committee on resolutions all propositions will have to go through his hands. He held that position in the house two years ago, and was unable to stop the graft entirely.

After a spirited debate, which was carried over from the morning to the afternoon sessions yesterday the senate arrived at a half-way compromise upon the clerkship question by which, so far as the agreement stands, the expense of clerical hire in

the senate will have been cut almost in twain as compared to that of the last session.

Some loopholes are left, however, which, if taken advantage of later on in the session, the corps of clerks may be increased to an unlimited number, according to the wording of the resolution agreed upon by the committee, and in the judgment of the members in case "it is found that more clerical assistance is required, such clerks may be provided for by resolution." It usually develops, as the session proceeds, that "more clerical"

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RECEIVED ELECTRIC STOCK

Harry Ernest of Albany Lies
On Floor of Room For
Many Hours

Albany, Jan. 16.—(Special).—After lying all night, and until late Sunday afternoon on the floor of his bedroom in T. F. Blount's rooming house, in an unconscious condition, Harry Ernest was discovered by friends, who were searching for him, nearly frozen to death.

When found Mr. Ernest was lying beside his bed, half dressed. The window of the room was wide open, and the cutting northerly wind was blowing in upon his seemingly inanimate form. Exposed to the full force of the frigid winter weather for so many hours, there was hardly any sign of life in the young man's body, and a few hours longer would undoubtedly have found him frozen to death. As it is now, his condition is very grave, and the physicians in charge hold forth but meagre hopes for his recovery. Mr. Ernest is now lying at St. Mary's hospital in this city.

Peculiar Circumstances.

The circumstances leading up to the finding of Mr. Ernest are rather peculiar, as well as the causes contributing toward his unconscious condition. It seems that on Saturday afternoon he went to Corvallis to do some repair work on the electric light wires there, and while thus engaged, accidentally received a severe shock of electricity. The force of the current, however, did not seem to have any very serious effect at the time, for Mr. Ernest returned to this city in the evening, and, having partaken of supper, went to his room preparatory to retiring for the night. While in the act of disrobing he was suddenly attacked with a fainting spell, and fell to the floor, where he lay until the following afternoon.

As soon as Mr. Ernest was found he was removed to the hospital, and given a physician's care. An examination seemed to indicate that the unfortunate man was suffering from brain lesion of some character, and it is the theory that the electric shock had something to do with it. The exposure to the cold wind for so many hours is also said to have affected the injured man's condition. Yesterday afternoon the patient was taken with a number of convulsions of an alarming nature, but last night was reported to be slightly improved.

Mr. Ernest, who is 24 years of age, has been in Albany for the past 18 months, in the employ of the Willamette Valley Company, having formerly lived in the Alsea country and Corvallis. His mother and sister now reside in Corvallis, but are in town at present.

London, Jan. 16.—The cruisers Indefatigable and Brilliant, now in the West Indies, were ordered to the relief of Kingston. Dispatches indicate that only one-sixteenth of the town is destroyed. The water mains didn't break and the efficient fire department is able to cope with the flames.

Boston, Jan. 16.—The steamer Dewey sails today with a miscellaneous cargo for the relief of Kingston.

London, Jan. 16.—Dispatches from Kingston are scant and contradictory. They indicate the disaster was at first exaggerated, but still is very grave. The area of destruction extends for miles around the city. The

JAMAICA ISLAND HORROR

Hundreds Are Reported
Dead From Earth-
quake

Business Portion of Capital
City is Completely De-
stroyed

London, Jan. 16.—It is officially announced that Sir James Ferguson was killed at Kingston. Thirty soldiers were killed by the collapse of the military hospital. No officers were killed, but Major Heady, many was seriously injured. Captains Young and Constantine, of the Royal Steam Packet Company, were killed. The fire is increasing, and slight shocks continue. The colonial office is preparing to send relief from the neighboring British colonies.

New York, Jan. 16.—The Hamburg-American liners Allegheny and Prince Joaquin will sail, the former Friday, and the latter Saturday, with relief supplies for Kingston.

Boston, Jan. 16.—The United Fruit Company is informed that the mercantile section of Kingston, including their offices, is completely destroyed by fire and earthquake. Several hundred are dead, according to the dispatch.

London, Jan. 16.—The telegraph company announces that the streets of Kingston are unsafe, on account of tottering buildings. The city hospital is intact, and 300 injured are gathered there.

Bulletin Tuesday.

New York, Jan. 15.—Kingston, Jamaica, has been destroyed by an earthquake, with great loss of life, according to a report here this afternoon.

The Commercial Cable Company reports it has done no business with Jamaica since last night. All efforts to reopen this morning have failed. The Western Union has received advices that Kingston is cut off from all cable communication. Communication with Panama via Kingston, is also cut off. Late advices report communication restored to within five miles of Kingston.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The weather bureau reports that at 3:38 yesterday a slight earthquake was recorded by the seismograph, lasting 25 minutes. The wildest vibration of the needle was one-fifth of an inch. The prediction of a London meteorologist that earthquakes will be felt at this time is believed to have been realized.

shocks were felt from 50 to 60 miles. The temporary cable station at Bull Bay says that not a single house there and at Kingston is safe.

Indiana Town in Danger.

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 16.—The river near here is at the danger stage, and may cut through a new channel above the city. Boats are passing there, and rains continue. Warmer and more rain is predicted. The inhabitants are ready to flee tonight. It is feared the course of the river may be permanently changed, and the city be left dry. The destruction of the water works is threatened.

HOUSE BREAKS THE RECORD

State Printer Dunniway Invited to De-
fend His Calendar Plan

Both houses of the Oregon legisla-
ture opened with a redhot fight on
graft propositions in general.

In the Senate.

The committee on resolutions reported in favor of 41 clerks for the senate, exclusive of desk clerks, joint investigating committee clerks and such other clerks as may be provided for by resolution. The compensation to be from \$3 to \$6 per day. It was stated that this would reduce the cost of clerk hire to about one-half that of the last session.

The committee on resolutions reported against a committee to investigate the state treasurer's office, as

well as all like investigating committees. Senator Johnson championed the cause of joint committees.

In the House.

The calendar proposition was aired at the opening session, and the house broke the record by inviting State Printer Dunniway to address the house in defense of his plan of printing a daily calendar.

More House Resolutions.

The committee on resolutions reported on several resolutions, all of which reports were adopted.

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GUGGIE WILL BE GOOD

Denver, Jan. 16.—Senator Simon Guggenheim's election was confirmed at noon today. He spoke, thanking the legislators. He said he had withdrawn from all business interests, and would devote himself entirely to the interests of the state and nation. He declared he would be free and untrammelled, under no obligations to any interests, railroads or corporations of any kind. He says he favors Roosevelt's plan, and will aid legislation to correct industrial evils.

New York, Jan. 16.—At smelter trust headquarters it is announced that Simon Guggenheim has resigned from all official relations with the American Smelting and Refining Co., and that his resignation has been accepted. He will retire from all other active business.

FRENCH CATHOLIC.

Are Prelates Holding a Conclave to
Make Rules.

Paris, Jan. 16.—The Catholic conclave has been called by the pope to devise means for the reorganization and continuance of religious services assembled this morning. There are 78 French cardinals and archbishops in attendance. The conclave will continue three days. Cardinal Lecot L'Oratoire is presiding. They will frame rules for public services, finances to procure rectories for priests driven from home by the government and establish new schools for novices in the priesthood. The Vatican makes no suggestions.

Foster Defends President.

Washington, Jan. 16.—In the house today Foster, of Vermont, defended Roosevelt's Japanese policy. He sought to justify centralization, and the right of the general government to make treaties guaranteeing to foreigners the same rights in schools and courts, and to hold property as citizens enjoy.

COLD WEATHER UP NORTH

Ohio River On Tremendous
Flood Stage

Seattle, Jan. 16.—The weather is slightly warmer this morning, but there is no change in the fuel situation. Street car power plants, public schools and manufacturers are on short allowance. Many families have closed their homes to go to the hotels to keep warm, and similar conditions prevail throughout the state. Overland trains are three to four days late. There is heavy snow and extreme cold from St. Paul to the coast.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 16.—The Ohio river is at the 51.9 foot stage this morning, and rising two inches an hour. The weather bureau forecasts 56 feet of water by Thursday noon, which stage means the suspension of scores of factories and the abandonment of many schools, houses and depots, and the demoralization of rail traffic.

MONTANA MURDERER ARRESTED

San Bernardino, Cal., Jan. 16.—Charles Lenox, alias Slim Evans, who is wanted at Butte, Mont., for committing a murder a year ago, was arrested here and held pending extradition. Lenox was identified by a gunshot wound which he received when he broke jail at Butte.

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