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BECKER'S STORIES CONFLICT

HE WITNESSED THE MURDER

Indicate He Is the Murderer of Amelia Stafford

Portland, L. I., May 25.—Henry suspected of being the slayer of Amelia Stafford has confessed to a witness to the killing. A tall dark Slav stabbed detectives are searching New York it is believed the man will be arrested today. An impression of the thumb print on the handle was taken in wax. A witness was taken to the morgue and on his knees declaring that if I could bring you back I would not harm a hair of your head." Becker's stories conflict.

Cyclone in Texas.

Worth, Texas, May 25.—A severe cyclone is reported near Worth and three are reported dead. Reports are lacking.

Worth, Texas, May 25.—Members of one family gathered under a heavy chimney in the front of their home were seriously injured in the severe storm which swept over Benton county. Houses were overturned and scores of famished in their storm houses. A tornado covered a small area. Houses and barns were destroyed but the fatalities are unreported.

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, May 25.—Wheat 98 1/2 @ 99, corn 53 @ 53 1/2, oats 47 1/2 @ 48.

EXPOSES SOCIETY'S METHODS

A MOVING PICTURE OF HIGH LIFE

Gould Divorce Case Is Becoming Odoriferous

New York, May 25.—Mrs. Gould said made disclosures to Bingham along a new line, and there is a possibility the postoffice may investigate the charge that the mail has been tampered with. Abe Hummel is said to have written her offering his services in calling off the detectives. The story is her's that former Inspector Byrnes had detectives on her trail to establish the fact that she had a husband living. The district attorney's office may take a hand to investigate the report that money was paid detectives.

New York, May 25.—Mrs. Howard Gould made the sensational statement to General Bingham this afternoon that she lived in the dread of poisoning. She showed letters warning her, but was unable to discover their authorship.

San Francisco Hopes.

San Francisco, May 25.—The indications are that San Francisco will not have to go without beer tomorrow. A committee of strikers will confer with employers this afternoon and both sides believe a settlement will be effected.

To Murder Peasants.

St. Petersburg, May 25.—Premier Stolypin has summoned the provincial governors here to confer over the peasant outbreaks and arrange plans to subdue them.

DEFENSE HAS ORCHARD'S CONFESSION

VENIRE WILL BE EXHAUSTED

Knowledge of Confession Will Be of Great Value to Attorneys

Boise, May 25.—Orchard's complete confession is at last in the possession of the defense in the Haywood murder trial. This is the worst blow yet sustained by the state and the interests which back the prosecution. The state planned to keep the defense in absolute ignorance of what Orchard would say in order that they would be unable to produce witnesses who would contradict it. How the leak occurred is unknown, but the jubilant attitude of Richardson and Darrow indicate they believe they have at last penetrated the state's armor and are now in position to protect their clients intelligently. That the defense outwitted the prosecution on seeing the confession is openly alleged to be the reason of the frequent clashes between Hawley and Darrow. Attorneys for the defense were jubilant when court reconvened this morning over their two decided victories.

Darrow gained one point in having Beery exposed by the court for bias and also Richardson, another, when by invoking Roosevelt's "undesirable citizens" letter, he eliminated from the box telegraph Leeter, who although declaring absolute prejudice against the miner's federation, seemed determined to qualify. Soon as the court reconvened today the defense began the examination of Finley McBean. Darrow says it is impossible to complete the jury from the present venire and an adjournment cannot be avoided.

Boise, May 25.—J. E. Tourtellotte an architect was accepted, but the state promptly challenged Geo. McIntyre. McBean qualified but is subject to peremptory. The defense challenged John Whitlock. The defense had three and the prosecution two peremptory challenges left and but 16 veniremen remained of the special panel when recess was taken.

Millions Spent to Make Railroads Safe.

Chicago, May 25.—Carrying out a policy of installing every device that will add to the safety of their lines, the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific have spent nearly \$12,000,000, according to figures just compiled in the office of the director of maintenance and operation. This sum has all been expended on safety appliances for roadway and equipment, since the present management took charge of the two properties.

Southern Pacific alone has expended more than \$3,500,000 for block signals, interlocking plants, crossing bells and gates, and distant switch signals—all these being for the safety of the roadway. For safety appliances on cars and engines, the Southern Pacific has made an outlay of \$4,000,000.

The Union Pacific has spent nearly a million for automatic couplers, high speed attachments, train signals, acetylene headlights and other equipment devices. For safety appliances on roadway this system, exclusive of the Oregon lines, has made an outlay of nearly two millions. The Oregon lines add \$347,000 on account of safety devices on roadway, and \$650,000 for equipment devices. Block signals alone on all the lines have cost \$5,500,000, air brakes and high speed attachments \$3,296,000, and automatic couplers nearly two millions. By the end of the year the various lines the Union and Southern Pacific will have 4700 miles of track protected by automatic signals.

The exact totals of the safety equipment outlay are \$6,326,524.24 for signals and other roadway appliances, and \$5,506,896.24 for equipment improvements, a grand total of \$11,833,420.48.

Another General.

Washington, May 25.—Taft today announced that Col. M. K. Davis had been selected to succeed Brigadier General Constant Williams retiring today. Davis is a Civil war veteran.

AT LEAST TWO MEN ARE CREMATED

FATAL FIRE IN CALIFORNIA TOWN

Twenty Horses Burned—The Evidence Points to Incendiarism

San Jose, Cal., May 25.—In an incendiary fire here this morning which nearly destroyed the feed store of Frederick Brown, Laverty's stables and the Union lodging house, John McDonald, a roomer in the lodging house, was cremated. The body was recovered, but it is believed there are other victims. Twenty horses were burned. The firemen discovered a bucket containing oiled rags and a lighted candle. Similar buckets it is believed started the fire.

Another body unidentified was recovered at noon. It is feared there are more in the ruins as many lodgers are unaccounted for.

HEART GROWS WEAKER.

Mrs. McKinley's Death a Matter of Hours.

Canton, May 25.—Reports of Mrs. McKinley's condition this morning show her heart weaker. Her actions are irregular, and the change, forecasts the end is near. Relatives have been told she might live through Sunday. Drs. Portmann, Eymann and Rixey will consult this morning and will issue statements.

Canton, May 25.—The three physicians' statement at noon is that Mrs. McKinley's condition is less favorable. She takes less nourishment and with increased difficulty. She is not in pain, but improvement is hardly expected.

Later—Mrs. McKinley is sinking rapidly and may die at any minute, as her heart fails to respond to stimulants. Dr. Rixey and the relatives are awaiting the end.

RECALLS BEECHER TRIAL

Paris, May 25.—Theodore Tilton died here this afternoon.

(The name, Theodore Tilton, will prove an unknown one to most readers, but old timers will remember him in connection with the trial of Henry Ward Beecher in 1873 or 74, and its accompanying scandal. Tilton was an editorial writer in New York city and a member of Beecher's church. It was Mrs. Tilton who was the woman in the case, her niece being a good second. Tilton who was a man of brilliant promise apparently dropped out of the world after the trial.—Ed.)

Japs Wants to Know.

Washington, May 25.—Upon the representations of the Japanese ambassador, Aoki, the President has directed the department of justice to thoroughly investigate the reported attack by a San Francisco mob on a Japanese restaurant where the building was demolished and proprietor barely escaped death.

San Francisco, May 25.—The extent of the damage done to the Japanese restaurant here by the so-called mob was magnified to the Washington authorities. Several panes of glass were broken by three union pickets whose object was not to attack the Japs, but two white men who were ordered not to patronize the Japanese restaurant.

Run Down and Murdered.

Shenandoah, Penn., May 25.—Following a chase through the crowd streets to the home of a friend, Mary Holinsky, aged 16, was today shot and instantly killed by Chas. W. Souver, a rejected suitor.

CALHOUN AT LAST INDICTED

SAYS HE BRIBED SUPERVISORS

Many Other Indictments Returned and Some Against Schmitz

San Francisco, May 25.—The speculation that has been rife for weeks as to what the grand jury would do in the matter of indicting high corporation officials and municipal officers for alleged bribery in connection with the granting of the overhead trolley franchise to the United Railroads ended tonight when the inquisitorial body returned nine indictments on 89 counts, charging the crimes of giving and accepting bribes and naming as guilty the following persons:

Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz, Abraham Ruef, President Patrick Calhoun and assistant to the president, Thornwell Mullally of the United Railroads, Tiley E. Ford and William M. Abbott, attorneys of that corporation; and also President Louis Glass and ex-Agent Theodore B. Halsey of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company, the last named indictments being in connection with a deal by which the established telephone corporation sought to prevent the granting of a competitive franchise to the Home Telephone company.

Fourteen indictments, containing 84 counts, were returned jointly, against Schmitz, Ruef, Calhoun, Mullally, Ford and Abbott, whom the grand jury accused of bribing 14 supervisors in amounts ranging from \$4000 to \$15,000 each to vote the change in the franchise of the United Railroads by which that corporation immediately after the fire gained authority to electrify its 250 miles of street railway system in San Francisco.

Two additional indictments were returned against Schmitz, the one charging that he sought and accepted from Ford and Ruef a bribe of \$50,000 for his co-operation in the trolley deal, the other charging that he sought and received from Frank G. Brum and Ruef a bribe of \$3250 to approve the vote of the board of supervisors fixing the public gas rate for 1906 at 85 cents instead of 75 cents at the behest of the San Francisco Gas & Electric company.

Two indictments were returned against Louis Glass, charging him with the bribery of two supervisors who refused to vote a franchise competitive with that held by the Pacific States Telephone company. These indictments are additional to the nine others returned against him several weeks ago in the same connection.

The indictment returned today against Halsey is identical with those returned against Glass and with the eleven previously voted against Halsey himself.

San Francisco, May 25.—Calhoun, Ford, Abbott, Mullally, Schmitz, Glass and Halsey appeared in court this morning and gave bonds on all the indictments returned Friday. The aggregate bond is three quarters of a million dollars. Ruef did not appear as he is in custody. It is expected additional indictments will be filed this afternoon against Ruef, Schmitz and several others.

An Oil Operator Here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Fertig of Neodesha, Kansas, are in the city guests of S. H. Snyder and family in South Salem. Mr. Fertig is an old time friend of Mr. Snyder. His father is one of the oldest oil producers in America, and associated with the Standard in Pennsylvania. This is his second visit to Oregon, and he may be obliged to adopt him as a future citizen. Mr. Fertig has been engaged in the oil business in Southern California, and thinks Oregon may yet become the center of illuminating and lubricating activities.

SHOVING THE QUEER IN OREGON

GANG BUSY WITH BUNCHGRASSERS

Counterfeit Five Dollar Gold Pieces and Dollars Plentiful

The arrest of the Huntington gang of counterfeiters a year ago did not stop counterfeiting in Eastern Oregon, as is shown by evidence recently gathered by United States District Attorney Bristol of Portland.

It is claimed that Wallowa county is flooded with counterfeit coin of several denominations and that almost every other Eastern Oregon county complains of the circulation of bogus money. A Portland dispatch says of the situation:

Ten thousand dollars in spurious \$5 gold pieces and more than 20 counterfeit silver dollars in the possession of United States District Attorney Bristol is considered conclusive evidence of the operations of a gang of professional counterfeiters in Eastern Oregon, where the imitation money was seized.

The government's prosecutor has been investigating the case for several days and is satisfied the bogus money is being coined by a desperate gang that carries on its work on some of the remote streams in the interior of the eastern section of the state. Attorney Bristol has accumulated considerable evidence and expects to succeed in apprehending the counterfeiters.

Learning that a great deal of counterfeit money was being circulated in Eastern Oregon, Mr. Bristol has visited a number of the towns in that section of the state, where he found conditions worse than had been represented.

The bogus coins of both denominations are exceptionally good imitations and so closely do they resemble the genuine that they have been readily passed. In one Eastern Oregon bank alone Mr. Bristol discovered \$780 of the worthless coin which had innocently been received on deposit by the bank officials.

The dollars are especially clever imitations of Uncle Sam's product, and would pass the inspection of the average critical bank clerk. They are almost perfect in design and lettering, the only exception being that the letter "M" is stamped at the base of the head of the coin instead of the initials "J. L. C." which appear on the genuine. From this it is evident the gang works with an old stamp. The counterfeit coin weight slightly more than a good dollar, but does not contain an ounce of silver, its mineral parts consisting of aluminum, tin and lead.

The spurious five dollar pieces are not so perfect, being slightly off color. They bear the date of 1903 and were made from copper and brass and washed in gold.

"Eastern Oregon is prolific when it comes to producing coin swindling mediums," said United States Attorney Bristol. "This gang is unquestionably composed of experienced counterfeiters who have served time, and so genuine do their products appear that no difficulty is experienced in passing them in business transactions."

The authorities do not charge this counterfeiting job to the Coon gang or their confederates. They are now being held for trial in the federal court. The job is accredited to a more bold and desperate crowd—East Oregonian.

Passed Worthless Checks.

Chicago, May 25.—The police were notified today of the arrest in Montreal of John Wilmot, former president of the New York insurance company and general manager of the National Producer Gas Power company, with a capital of \$10,000,000, of which Grover Cleveland is a director. He is charged with passing worthless checks and securing \$6500 from the Shanka company, builders of factories. He had \$6500 cash when arrested.

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