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DUNBAR'S MONEY MACHINE

Five Teachers and 175 Pupils Burn in School House

SHOW TEETH TO CASTRO

PLAY OF FORCE

OF THE VENEZUELAN REPUBLIC INCLINED TO HIS GOVERNMENT A STRENUOUS BATTLE WITH STEEL

United States over the American claims for damages due to unfair treatment accorded the American asphalt companies and an American steamer line, and the refusal of Castro to submit the claims to arbitration, has given rise to great uneasiness here. It is thought that the United States may make a display of force unless Castro agrees to arbitrate or take some steps toward settling the American claims. Many here think that Castro thinks he can afford to adopt an insolent attitude towards the United States because of the fact that the Atlantic fleet is too far away to be brought to bear against him, and that the United States would not dare to concentrate the present scattered Atlantic fleet in a naval demonstration against Venezuela. His attitude is regarded as very unwise by his advisers, but Castro is obdurate. The situation may be still further complicated within a few days by a number of court decisions unfavorable to the American companies. These are expected at any time.

SCHOOL HOUSE BURNS WITH 300 CHILDREN

FIVE FAITHFUL TEACHERS SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES IN EFFORTS TO RESCUE STRUGGLING MASSES OF LITTLE ONES WHO BLOCKED THE EXITS IN THEIR FRANTIC EFFORTS TO ESCAPE.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Cleveland, O., March 4.—Three children and a janitor are known to be dead and scores of children are injured as the result of a fire in the Collingwood school building. A

RAILROAD WRECK ON O. R. & N. (United Press Leased Wire.)

Pendleton, Or., March 4.—Train No. 6 of the O. R. & N. passenger train from Portland, due in this city at 2:25 this morning, was wrecked at Pilot Rock Junction, four miles west of here. The engine was derailed and thrown upon her side clear of the track, and the tank torn from the engine. The baggage car is down the embankment. Fireman Dave Graybill is the only person injured. He was wrenched internally and otherwise bruised.

Engineer George Hillman was thrown from the cab, but not injured.

The passengers were not injured, and only slightly shaken. All were brought to Pendleton, to be taken on east this afternoon.

WASHINGTON LAND RECEIPTS ARE LARGE. (United Press Leased Wire.)

Olympia, Wash., March 4.—The receipts of the office of commissioner of public lands yesterday was the heaviest for many years, a trifle over

DUNBAR GOT THE COPPERS FAST AND FURIOUS

DUNBAR'S ATTORNEY, CLYDE FULTON FINDS IT A CASE HE CANNOT DISPOSE OF AS A MERE FORMALITY—McNARY AND McMAHAN HANG LIKE TERRIERS TO THEIR GAME IN PURSUIT OF GRAFT.

Trial of the suit to compel an accounting of fees between the state and former Secretary of State F. J. Dunbar and to compel return of \$100,000 fees alleged to have been collected by that official in violation of the law and constitution, was resumed this morning before Judge Galloway. There was a full legal array on both sides, with J. H. McNary, district attorney, and L. H. McMahan for the state, and G. Clyde Fulton and Geo. G. Bingham for the defense.

There was no spectators as the people have lost all hope of ever collecting a bean, but the array of witnesses included state officials, ex-officials and employes, present and past, and at times the fireworks were worthy of a packed house. A Journal reporter was the only newspaper man present. Secretary of State Benson was put on the stand, and McMahan went at him with hammer and tongs. Asked as to the number of miscellaneous commissions which his office issued, to which a fee attached, Fulton immediately objected to his giving out the desired information, but the smiling, handsome, farmer-looking judge stood by his ruling of yesterday to let all the facts leak out.

Commissions Galore.

Benson read a statement showing 12,084 such certificates issued in a year, but when he was asked how much fees was due on such a stack of commissions, Fulton again sprang in the air and objected. "We want it all down," shouted McMahan, getting excited, as he thought of such valuable information for his side of the case getting away. "We want it all down," said the lawyer, noticing the Journal reporter taking the notes. "If you hear a fly walking across the ceiling, put that down."

Benson replied that fifty cents to a dollar was charged for each paper issued. The whole proceeding was resplendent with pyrotechnical effects; when things were getting too hot the court and the district attorney smoothed things down, and then McMahan and Fulton would fly at each other again.

Too Much Record.

Fulton objected to so much going into the record on account of expense, but counsel for the state insisted on making the record show all the facts regardless of expense to the state. In reply to an insinuation of the extreme poverty of his client, Dunbar, Fulton shouted: "I can pay as much in cost money as any man in Salem. Copy all the records of the secretary of state's office, if you want to," said Fulton. "It would be the first time these facts were ever laid before the public," replied McNary, insinuating again that the day of reckoning had come at last.

Charlotte Island Boosters. (United Press Leased Wire.)

Bellingham, Wash., March 4.—It is not often that men go out looking for the baser metals and find gold, yet such is the luck that has befallen the representatives of a syndicate of Bellingham business men who are promoting a copper-gold mine in the Queen Charlotte Islands. The syndicate, which was organized here last week, sent several of its members and an assayer to look at the property.

As the party left Vancouver, B. C., they received word that on the claim immediately adjoining their land and crossing the same rock dykes and strata, workmen had cleared away the surface soil to lay foundations for a barn, and had uncovered a vein of gold and silver ore that assayed 86 ounces ounces of gold to the ton and 12 ounces of silver. The gold in this ore alone is worth \$1720 a ton, a regular bonanza value.

The members of the syndicate making the examination went north expecting to find a 10 per cent copper ore.

Asking Cake to Pull Out. (United Press Leased Wire.)

Oregon City, March 4.—W. S. U'Ren, who announced his candidacy for the United States senatorship from Oregon to succeed Fulton last week, has issued an open letter in which he has invited H. M. Calk, the leading Republican candidate to withdraw from the race with him, and leave the field open, so that the Statement No. 1 Republicans could center on some other candidate. He mentions Judge McBride, Ben Selling, T. B. Wilcox and I. H. Bingham as possible candidates.

Calk declines to accept the U'Ren proposal. "The letter comes to me as a surprise," he stated today, "but I must decline U'Ren's proposal to withdraw from the race."

Young Woman Accused of Theft. (United Press Leased Wire.)

Pomeroy, Wash., March 4.—State Labor Commissioner Hubbard has wired Prosecuting Attorney Gentry that his son, L. L. Hubbard, is innocent of the imputation of being connected with Miss M. Hayward, of Seattle, in which the young woman is accused of taking a dress pattern of silk from the store of the Pomeroy Mercantile Company.

"The cloth disappeared after the young woman had been looking at it, and has not yet been found," says J. J. McGrath, manager of the store.

Miss Hayward was traveling for a Seattle house, selling chewing gum. Miss Hayward and Hubbard left town. They were stopped at Starbuck by a constable, acting under orders from Sheriff Dixon, who searched for the silk, but did not find it. The pair then went to Dayton, where they were detained by the sheriff, but released.

Esther Mitchell to Be Returned. (United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Wash., March 4.—The state of Oregon has made formal request of the state board of control for the custody of Esther Mitchell, the "Holy Roller," who killed her brother, George Mitchell in the Seattle union passenger station, and who has since her trial been confined in the state asylum for the insane at Steilacoom. Until the board has been advised by the attorney-general the demand for Miss Mitchell will not be acted upon. The request for the custody of the Mitchell girl is the result of an effort of relatives in Oregon to have her cared for in that state. That it is an indirect method of seeking her release, is the belief of the Washington officials.

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Warning To Voters

This paper contains political circulars sent out from Portland by the machine politicians, which we wish very much our readers would take the trouble to read. The managers of state politics are sending them to all newspapers, and we suppose they will be sent to all voters. We print them to warn the people of what is being done TO OVERTHROW THE DIRECT PRIMARY LAW. Every voter who reads these circulars, which consist mainly of abuse of the reform elements of the state and the Portland Journal, will understand their purpose. There should be a state law requiring the authors of such documents TO SIGN THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESS, so that the press and the people might judge of THE MOTIVE AND CHARACTER OF THE PERSON SENDING THEM OUT, ASCERTAIN WHO PUTS UP THE MONEY AND WHAT INTERESTS ARE BEING PROTECTED OR ADVANCED THEREBY. If those interests are respectable and honorable they should not be afraid to be known. So far the Portland managers who have been making war on the Direct Primary and Statement No. 1 and the Initiative and Referendum have produced more vituperation than argument. THE PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO BE CONVINCED OF THE ERROR OF THEIR WAYS IF YOU WILL SHOW THEM A BETTER WAY, but cannot be bulldozed into abandoning reform principles and measures aimed at bettering the machinery of political action until something better is offered them. We say read, read, read, and think, think and act, act. REGISTER, REGISTER, REGISTER and VOTE, VOTE, VOTE. The average citizen gets nothing out of any political campaign but the right to vote, and he should use that right against political rottenness, corrupt men and methods, and in the end justice to the masses of the people will be advanced, and the good government will be advanced.

hundred children were trapped on the third floor of the big building when the flames burst out. There was no way of escape, and many were buried in the debris when the floors fell.

Many more are dead, but as yet no accurate roll can be called because of the confusion. Emergency hospitals have been hurriedly thrown together in the buildings near the burning school house, and the injured children are being cared for there until the ambulances can take them to their homes or to the hospitals.

It is believed that over 100 school children lost their lives this morning when fire broke out in the North Collingwood school. The pupils were caught like rats on the third floor, and did not have a chance to escape. Thirty bodies have been recovered. The firemen are working desperately to recover the bodies of the dead

\$50,000 being taken in. The yearly payment on land bought from the state on the contract plan is now due and is pouring into the office of the commission by the thousands of dollars daily, reaching the high water mark yesterday.

Closed Shop is Too Radical. (United Press Leased Wire.)

Bellingham, Wash., March 4.—Because of the alleged extreme radicalism of the Carpenters' Union in this city, contractors have decided not to sign another closed shop agreement with the union when their present contracts expire April 1. A determined stand for the open shop rule in the building trades is to be made.

W. V. Baumelster, one of the leading carpenter contractors here, says his agreement signed for a year the first of last April has ruined his business on two jobs.

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