

## FIGHTING CHIEF AND HIS FIGHTING MEN

**Cabal of Patrolmen Organized Against Head of Department—Reported That Several Officers Have Joined Issue and Will Prefer Charges Against Chief Reynolds—Chief Will Suspend Police Clique Arrayed Against Him—Troubles May be Aired in the Council Tonight.**



**JAMES M. REYNOLDS**  
Chief Butte Police Force

Owing to the secrecy surrounding the movements of the clique of policemen credited with the animus of the coming attack, the substance of the charges were not to be had.

The impending action of the patrolmen organized against the chief has been forecasted in threats made publicly by some of the disgruntled officers.

### Quarrel Is of Long Standing.

The quarrel between the head of the department and the subordinates began almost as soon as the present democratic administration went into office and the breach then made has been widening.

In the course of his official duties Chief Reynolds had occasion to bring certain officers before the police committee or the city council on charges of various misdemeanors. These policemen resented the application of discipline and immediately formed a political cabal against the chief, which is rapidly spreading disaffection among the supporters of the administration and making factions among local democrats.

Until today the fight against the chief has been made in secret, but since the McGlynn investigation elements in the party have been brought together to support a combined attack, the result of which will be the charges scheduled for presentation to the city council tonight.

Neither the mayor nor the chief of police appeared to be much concerned over the story today.

### Mayor Davey Is With Chief Reynolds.

The mayor, though by implication concerned on account of his appointment and unqualified support of the chief, was inclined to treat the matter lightly on the ground that Chief Reynolds was a clean cut, honest official against whom it is absurd to bring charges that cannot be honestly proven.

Chief Reynolds laughed when told that he was to pose as an offender in person.

Well, there's this much to it. I heard the charges would be preferred against me tonight when the council meets. That doesn't worry me in the least.

I am only glad that the public will be able to see what we have been laboring against since we took charge of the city's affairs. There can be no change made against me that can hold water unless—as is always possible—some one gets in and perjures himself. In such an event there will be another chapter to the little story, as I will certainly go after any person who gets up and swears falsely.

### Takes Action With Reluctance.

"This thing has gone far enough. Both the mayor and myself have been reluctant to take action in connection with these men who are opposed to the discipline of the police department, and for one thing we could not go very far, owing to the impotent law.

"We are, as a matter of fact, rendered powerless when it comes to handling such men as are said to be arrayed against me. Nothing farther than a suspension is allowed us any time, and the men knowing this do not consider themselves amenable to any discipline suggested by the proper heads of the department.

"Since coming into office I have done my best to preserve good feeling, though at the same time I have insisted on the men doing their duty. For instance, where in the old days patrolmen would show up at 9 or 10 o'clock in the morning and have other men register for them, we have brought about a change which brings every man promptly on duty at 6 o'clock.

### Chief Makes Serious Charges.

"Then we have broken up the practice of policemen going into saloons and staying for hours at a time, and we have further stopped the systematic blackmail of the fallen women who have been forced by policemen to pawn their jewelry in order to escape arrest. We have stopped the practice of holding up merchants of the city who fear the officers because of petty infractions and who have paid money to escape police persecution.

"These reforms have not been brought about without causing dissatisfaction among the men who were guilty and the result has been, owing to the unfortunate conditions existing, that some of the men have rebelled and have organized in opposition to the good conduct of the department."

### Council Court of Last Resort.

The fact that neither the mayor or the chief has power to remove a policeman, even for cause, has given some of the belligerent officers more license in conducting a fight against the present head of the department.

The power of dismissal rests wholly with the city council, under the law, and while a number of the councilmen deplore the conditions existing they are obliged to act according to the rules prescribed.

One thing that is given to the chief of police and the mayor is the power of suspension for cause.

This power will be used tonight and four of the officers who have been violating the discipline of the department and are supposed to be concerned in the bringing of the charges will be suspended for 30 days tonight for "insubordination and for the good of the service."

This will certainly start the fight in earnest and lively times are expected before a winner is declared in the inter-democratic row, of which the chief and his four subordinates are the central figures.

## STEAMSHIP GOES DOWN

**WALLA WALLA, LOADED WITH PASSENGERS, SUNK.**

**RAN INTO A SAILING VESSEL**

**Loss of Life Unknown But Feared That It Is Considerable—Crew and Captain Were Cool and Collected.**

(By Associated Press.)

Eureka, Cal., Jan. 3.—The steamship Walla Walla, Captain Hall, which left San Francisco on January 1, bound for Puget sound ports, collided with an unknown sailing vessel yesterday morning and sank in 15 minutes.

The collision occurred about 4 a. m. when all of the passengers were asleep, and it is feared that 40 lives were lost.

News of the disaster was brought to Trinidad, about 30 miles north of this place, by a boat from the unfortunate steamer, which, when it left the scene of the disaster, contained 13 persons, but when it arrived at Trinidad contained but seven persons. Later the steamer Dispatch arrived with 60 of the passengers and crew on board, including Captain Hall of the Walla Walla.

Some of the people on the steamer escaped in small boats and on rafts. They were unable to land owing to the character of the coast, and drifted about all day yesterday, when they were picked up by the steamer Dispatch.

As soon as the crash occurred, boats and life rafts were launched, and under the direction of Captain Hall and his crew most of the passengers were placed safely on the rafts and in the boats, but it is believed that the loss of life will be considerable. Tugs have been sent from here to the scene of the wreck.

The Walla Walla carried 36 first-class passengers, 23 second-class and a crew of 60 men. She was one of the best-known vessels on the coast and was owned by the Pacific Coast Steamship company and has been plying between Puget sound and San Francisco for years.

The Walla Walla was an iron screw steamer and was built by J. Ronch & Sons in 1881. Her net tonnage was 2168, and her rating was No. 1. She was 310 feet long, breadth 40 feet 6 inches, and depth 22 feet 2 inches.

The following passengers were booked for Seattle:

- J. L. Field, J. A. Gray, A. H. Zell, Mrs. Timmons, A. Kotschuner and wife, Mrs. A. Meydenbaur, J. Robertsout, A. Meydenbaur, Charles Neff, C. F. Swan, J. Miller and wife, F. Haight, Miss G. Cadien, Miss R. E. Peters, D. Stern and wife, F. L. Smith, W. P. Sanderson, M. C. Marsh, C. Swanson, D. Larsen, H. Erickson, wife and three children; J. Brown, D. Jones, F. McCrimmins, F. Spencer, D. Boyner, L. M. Paperne, G. Hegelson, R. McWilliams, R. McKee, C. H. Smith, L. D. Rube, G. Nicholson, A. Hansen, C. Lawson and H. Weaver.

For Tacoma—John Gilbert, F. W. Stream, wife and mother; D. R. Allen and wife.

For Victoria—Mrs. Captain L. Johnson, E. F. Adams, L. Hanselman, Mrs. Hastings, W. Duhler, F. Nevins.

For Vancouver—J. H. Brown and wife, Mrs. R. S. Edgar, W. B. Moore.

For Alaska—C. R. West, A. Macklellan.

**Had No Lights Displayed.**

(By Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—Captain Hall of the Walla Walla reported to the Pacific Coast Steamship company this morning by telephone. He said that the Walla Walla collided with an unknown French bark at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, during hazy weather. The French vessel had no lights displayed. The Walla Walla sank in 15 minutes. Captain Hall has ordered tugboats from Eureka sent out to search for three missing lifeboats of the Walla Walla.

**Offered No Assistance.**

The French vessel did not stop, but left the passengers at the mercy of the high sea, lending no assistance whatever.

The collision occurred 20 miles south of Mendocino buoy. The French bark struck the Walla Walla in the bow. At the time of the collision the second officer was on the bridge. No definite information can be learned as to the cause of the accident, as all aboard were sleeping. George Reise of San Francisco, a passenger, gave the following account:

It was 4:10 when the French vessel hit the Walla Walla in the bow. All were asleep. The weather was clear, the sea was rolling high. The passengers rushed out of their state rooms and the deck was crowded.

Captain Hall went down into the steerage and found a family of seven fastened in a room; two girls of 12 and 14 years, were fastened between timbers. The two girls were released and the family assisted out of their berths. All prepared to leave the vessel. The captain said she would sink. Lifeboats and rafts were lowered; life preservers were put on and the passengers lowered to the boats.

The vessel did not sink until 4:45, giving the crew and passengers 35 minutes to leave the steamer. Sixty-three were lowered, the life-saving boats then being filled. The excitement grew intense among the remaining passengers; women screamed and men and boys hurriedly jumped off the steamer. Several did not leave until she started to sink.

The officers were cool and collected, doing everything possible to save their passengers. No one knows the cause of the collision but the second officer, and he is missing.

Twenty-seven of the passengers and crew of the Walla Walla are missing. All the rest are accounted for.

## IT WAS NOT A SURPRISE

**INTERESTED ONES PRINCIPALLY SMALL INVESTORS.**

**EASTERN BANKS NOT AFFECTED**

**Everett-Moore Syndicate Financial Difficulties Caused by Trying to Parallel the Lake Shore—They Failed to Sell.**

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 3.—The troubles of the Everett-Moore syndicate did not come as a surprise to Wall street bankers. Bankers here say that those interested are principally small investors and banks throughout Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, and that only indirectly will Eastern financiers feel the effect of the passing of the trolley lines into the hands of bankers.

Interest coupons of some of the companies in the Everett-Moore syndicate were paid in this city yesterday by Kean, Van Cortlandt & Co., bankers of this city. A. that office it was said that the firm's only interest in the syndicate was to act as fiscal agent for some of the companies which the syndicate controlled; that it had none of the securities.

Of the syndicate's attempt to build a line parallel to the Lake Shore, a part of the New York Central system, from Cleveland to Toledo, led to the rumor that the New York Central management intended to buy out this opposition. It was asserted here, however, that failure to sell the Lake Shore has caused the financial difficulties of the Everett-Moore syndicate managers.

Local interest was aroused by the reports from Cleveland because Edward W. Moore is a director of the Phoenix National bank. It was explained that the syndicate directly, or indirectly, did not owe the bank one dollar, and that the bank's officers had not even seen any of the syndicate's securities.

Mr. Moore's position as a Wall street banker was also explained by saying that the bank's management had considered him as a man who probably would bring business to the bank. For that reason his name was added to the directory a year ago this month. But Mr. Moore did nothing more than open a small personal account with the bank. On account of his absence from the city he has been unable even to attend any of the meetings of the board of directors.

**REDMOND'S SPEECH AT SLIGO.**

**Ireland's Able Spokesman Hands Rosebery Some Advice.**

(By Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 3.—Nothing could be more interesting or instructive as an indication of the attitude of the nationalist party at the next session of parliament than John Redmond's speech at Sligo. The Irish leader devoted some of the choicest flowers of his rhetoric to describe those liberals who, like Lord Rosebery, are a little tired of the Irish alliance.

The nationalists have received an intimation that the alliance is to be thrown over with scarcely veiled contempt, and Redmond advises Lord Rosebery to rally round him "all those rotten members of the liberal party who call themselves liberal imperialists."

Apparently the meaning of all this is that the Irish party will again carry out the policy adopted by Parnell in the days when Gladstone was coercing Ireland, and will fight for home rule without the slightest regard for the feelings of their former English allies.

**NEW LINE OF STEAMERS.**

**First-class Ships to Ply Between Manila and San Francisco.**

(By Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—A line of merchant steamers between this port and Manila will be established by the Empire Steamship company, acting in conjunction with the owners of the steamer Albatross. The company will be put on the trans-Pacific route with the Indian, Ohio and Pennsylvania, while the Albatross will run in the inter-island trade.

The three steamers first mentioned have been engaged in the transport service until recently. They are of the same dimensions, but vary somewhat in tonnage, owing to the difference in their fittings.

They are 343 feet long, 45 feet beam and 24 feet 5 inches deep.

**SCALDED TO DEATH.**

**Workmen in Pumping Station Meet Horrible End.**

(By Associated Press.)

Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 3.—The boiler in the South Pennsylvania Oil company pumping station at Henry Rhoden's in Doddridge county, blew up, scalding to death three workmen:

HARRY RHODEN, MERRICK FRICK, DELL ASH.

The men were in the boilerhouse warming themselves when the explosion occurred.

They broke open the door, which had become locked and escaped to another house—a mile away. They were all scalded so that flesh fell from them on the way.

After reaching the other boiler house they collapsed, and in a few hours were dead.

**Will Not Be Affected.**

(By Associated Press.)

Youngstown, O., Jan. 3.—The Youngstown Telephone company, which is controlled by the Everett-Moore syndicate, will not be affected by the financial embarrassment of the syndicate.

## COURT WANTS MORE LIGHT

**SUPREME BENCH WILL AGAIN INVESTIGATE CONTEMPT CASE.**

**ISSUE ORDER TO DONOVAN**

**Montana Ore Purchasing Company Required to Show That None of Its Officers, Agents or Attorneys Were in Contempt.**

(Special to Inter Mountain.)

Helena, Jan. 3.—Montana's supreme court is not yet satisfied that all of the officers and attorneys of the Montana Ore Purchasing company are free from contempt in the justification of the Delaware Surety company bond in the Pennsylvania case.

The court evidently proposes to probe the matter further and fully, and has asked the attorney general for another and supplemental report.

On a former occasion Attorney General Donovan, after an investigation made in New York and Montana, reported that there had been no contempt committed.

It seems, however, that the court intends to again take the matter up, and yesterday issued an order to the attorney general.

Mr. Donovan is absent from the city, and it cannot be learned just when he will commence his investigation.

The court's order follows:

**Supreme Court Order.**

"Whereas, On the 21st day of June, 1901, this court, by its order of that date, referred the matter of the justification of the Delaware Surety company to the attorney general with the request that he take such action thereon touching any contempt of this court as to him might seem proper, said order being as follows: 'No. 1559. The Boston & Montana Consolidation Copper and Silver Mining company, appellants, against the Montana Ore Purchasing company et al., respondents. In the matter of the justification of the Delaware Surety company, the court being of the opinion that there is in the record of the proceedings had herein from time to time since the application was made by appellant on April 26, 1901, for an order requiring respondents to furnish additional security under the injunction order heretofore made herein, some evidence tending to show that a contempt has been committed, and that the same should not pass unnoticed. It is ordered that all of said proceedings be referred to the attorney general for such action as to him may seem proper; and

"Whereas, The attorney general, in pursuance of the request, has presented to the court his report, wherein he expressed the opinion that the Delaware Surety company had not been guilty of any contempt of this court, but has made no recommendations or statement in respect of the Montana Ore Purchasing company, or its officers, agents or attorneys; and

"Whereas, Sufficient appears from the record of the proceedings to warrant an inquiry as to whether a contempt was committed by one or more of the officers, representative or agents of the Montana Ore Purchasing company, or of the Delaware Surety company, or of both; and

"Whereas, An investigation of the question whether or not the Delaware Surety company, a corporation, had itself been guilty of a contempt was not contemplated by the order of June 21, 1901, said order having referred only to a supposed contempt committed by the Montana Ore Purchasing company or by individual persons, and not to the failure on the part of the Delaware Surety company to justify;

"It is ordered that the record of the proceedings mentioned in the order of June 21, 1901, be and the same is hereby again referred to the attorney general of the state of Montana, with the request that he ascertain, if it be possible so to do, whether or not any agent, attorney, representative or servant of either the Montana Ore Purchasing company or of the Delaware Surety company, within the jurisdiction of this court, has been guilty of such contempt, and that he present the result of his investigations as a report supplemental to the report now on file."

**SEATON WAS HANGED.**

**He Died Full of Nerve and Protesting His Innocence.**

(By Associated Press.)

Seattle, Jan. 3.—William A. Seaton was hanged at 8 o'clock this morning for the murder of his uncle, Daniel Richards, December 6, 1900.

Seaton died full of nerve. The trap was sprung at 8 o'clock. Seaton died claiming that he was not responsible for the killing of his uncle. The execution was devoid of sensational features.

The condemned man walked up the three flights of steps from his cell with his keeper, James Mullen, on one side and a minister of the gospel on the other. His face was unmoved, his step firm and elastic.

At South Park, between 4 and 5 o'clock on the afternoon of December 6, 1900, Seaton, armed with an axe, brained his sleeping uncle, severely wounded Myrtle Haggood, aged 7, and Hazel Haggood, aged 5, and seriously cut his sister, Mrs. Roy Clarke, aged 22, known in South Park as Anna Seaton.

He slightly wounded a neighbor, John Kennedy and received a pistol wound in the neck, while resisting arrest by Deputy Sheriff Mike Kelly.

Springs, where he takes a patient for the

**Price of Copper Reduced.**

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 3.—The United Metal Selling company today reduced the price of lake copper 7/8 to 12 1/2c, electrolytic 3/4 to 12c and castings 1c to 11 1/2c.

## IS STILL AT HOME READY TO CAUCUS' LOOKING IT ALL UP

**PRESIDENT ESTRADA PALMA TO REMAIN IN NEW YORK.**

**ON FARM IN CENTRAL VALLEY**

**Hopes to Secure Freer Trade Relations With United States—Will Conduct Economical Administration and Develop Country.**

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 3.—President-elect Tomas Estrada Palma, of Cuba, is still at his home at Central Valley, N. Y. He has just received the first official evidence announcing his election. It is from Mendez Capote, president of the national constitutional convention, and is as follows:

"According to the Central Committee of Scrutiny, I allow myself to assure you that the election was practically unanimous.

"The partisans of Maso fought only in a few provinces. The conviction here is that the vote taken represents the will of the people by an immense majority."

Mr. Palma said: "There are two things which I shall ever strive to accomplish; the most important is to strengthen the cordial relations existing between the republic of Cuba and the United States of America.

"My other object will be to conduct an economical administration and under this head I hope to develop the agricultural industries. I hope to secure a reduction of tariff in this country so that the products of Cuba may be received here.

"I shall leave the United States in April and go to my fatherland. I shall go there to work like any factory hand or any laborer with the pick and shovel, and every officer of my cabinet will be expected and compelled to do the same thing."

**Mills Are Consolidating.**

(By Associated Press.)

Nassau, N. H., Jan. 3.—Plans are under way for the consolidation of the principal manufacturing mills in New England. The syndicate which is trying to obtain control is composed of New York and New England capitalists.

**OHIO REPUBLICANS PREPARING FOR SPEAKERSHIP FIGHT.**

**LINES NOT STRICTLY DRAWN**

**Both Senators Involved in Speakership Contest But Their Friends Are Taking Opposite Sides—Wires Kept Hot.**

(By Associated Press.)

Columbus, O., Jan. 3.—The members of the Ohio legislature as well as the candidates for executive positions are all here today, participating in the contest previous to the caucuses tomorrow evening, when nominations are to be made for the organization of the legislature.

But the wires are still kept busy between the rival leaders, Senator Hanna in Washington and Senator Foraker in Cincinnati.

While both senators have become directly involved in the contest through direct interest of their respective followers, it developed today that lines are not strictly drawn between their friends.

Many members concur with George B. Cox of Cincinnati, in stating that his fight is not one for supremacy of either Foraker or Hanna, and that they are on equally cordial relations with both senators. Some of Hanna's closest friends are for Price and some of Foraker's friends are for McKinnon for speaker for personal, local and other than factional reasons.

The lines are much more distinctly drawn between what are known as the Cox men and the Daugherty men. Two years ago, ex-Representative Harry M. Daugherty was defeated for the gubernatorial nomination by Governor Nash. In that contest, Cox threw his whole strength to Nash, as he is now doing for Price.

McKinnon was a Daugherty man then and a leader in the last legislature, which was controlled in its organization by the Daugherty men.

**London Copper Market.**

(By Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 3.—The resumption of contracted selling weakened the copper market today, 1050 tons being sold at 46 1/4. The settlement price was 48 1/2. Dealers are not encouraging speculative business, owing to fears of further manipulation.

**INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION INVESTIGATE MERGER.**

**MANY WITNESSES ARE CALLED**

**Western Railroad Magnates Have Been Summoned and the Meeting Will Continue for Weeks—Commission Will Resume Sitting.**

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Jan. 3.—At his meeting here next Wednesday, the interstate commerce commission will move against the Northern Securities company and investigate the combine of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railways.

The commission will probe the entire matter of "community of interests" between great railway systems, but the specific investigation will be aimed at the Northwestern railways.

Hundreds of witnesses, among them many of the leading railway promoters and owners in the country, have been summoned to appear in Chicago next Wednesday to testify before the commission. All the Western railway magnates have been summoned to appear, and, after the investigation in Chicago, which may last weeks, has been concluded, the commission will resume its hearings in New York, and call before it the great promoters and financiers of Wall street.

It is understood there is to be a general and determined fight all along the line. The commission has announced its intention of examining every phase of railroad combinations, including the purchase of the Southern Pacific by the Union Pacific, the Union Pacific's control over the Burlington, and every specific instance of what they regard as violation of the interstate commerce laws.

**Old Newspaper Man Dead.**

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 3.—Col. E. W. Ayers, at one time Washington correspondent of the Kansas City Times, dropped dead in the Citizens' National bank here today. Colonel Ayers was born in Lynchburg, Va., in 1837, and served with distinction in the Confederate army. He belonged to the famous Richmond Blues and was a member of the company that officiated at the hanging of John Brown.