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NAN ON TRIAL

Sensational Developments Not Forthcoming.

PROSECUTION IS WEAK

Miss Patterson Expresses Herself Satisfied With Evidence Submitted.

STATE TO CLOSE TOMORROW

Riotous Scenes Attended the Opening of the Court in the Afternoon, Women and Men Fighting to Get Past Police to Listen to Trial.

New York, April 26.—The climax in the prosecution of Nan Patterson was reached today when Hyman Stern, the pawnbroker, failed to identify J. Morgan Smith as the man whom the pistol was sold with which Young was killed. This feature has been looked forward to with much interest, and was expected to make somewhat of a sensation. On the contrary, however, it caused but a ripple of comment and surprise in the court room although it was the dramatic moment of the trial. Stern also failed to identify Nan Patterson or Mrs. Smith as the woman who accompanied the man that purchased the revolver. Smith had been brought from jail to confront Stern, and after the latter's testimony Smith was taken back to the tomb.

Riotous scenes attended the opening of the court room for the afternoon session. Women and men fought to get past the police. Several women fainted and many had their dresses torn.

Throughout the entire day Nan Patterson followed the testimony with more intense interest than on the previous days and when adjournment was announced, she caressed her father and remarked: "I think this has been a good day for me."

Only two witnesses for the prosecution, Caesar Young's widow and his racing partner, John Millen, remained to be examined when the trial adjourned this afternoon. Prosecutor Rand announced that by noon tomorrow the state would close. Abram Levy, senior counsel for the defense, then asked for an adjournment for a day, and it granted, the opening speech for the defense will be made Friday.

AMERICAN SUPERIORITY.

Schwab Secures Contract to Build Formidable Battleships.

St. Petersburg, April 26.—American superiority over foreign rivals again triumphs in complete success which crowned the visit of Charles M. Schwab to St. Petersburg. Schwab's negotiations with the Russian admiralty resulted in practical conclusion of arrangements for the construction of a number of formidable battleships of a type which will startle the world. They will be monster 16,000-ton vessels of enormous horsepower and of a peculiar type, combining projectile resisting power of battleships with speed and a wide radius of action of cruisers.

BANKING IN PORTLAND.

United States National Absorbs the Wells-Fargo Bank.

Portland, April 26.—The United States National bank of Portland today completed arrangements by which it absorbs Wells-Fargo bank of this city.

From this time on the two institutions will be conducted under one management. Merger is in line with the policy of the Wells-Fargo company as it is its intention to devote all its attention to the express business.

DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE.

Two Days' Session Commenced in Portland Yesterday.

Portland, April 26.—The Oregon Development league commenced a two days' session in this city today. The

address of welcome was delivered by Governor George E. Chamberlain and President Gooch of the Lewis and Clark fair. Responses were made by E. L. Smith of Hood River.

After listening to the addresses by W. I. Vawter of Medford and Charles L. Galloway of McMinnville, the convention adjourned until tomorrow.

WOMAN KILLED.

Boasted to Neighbors That She Had Considerable Money.

New York, April 26.—Her clothing and other valuables gone, her clothing torn and disarranged, marks of violence about her head and neck, and a wad of cloth stuffed far down her throat, so that it probably caused her death by suffocation, Mrs. Marie Ducci, 45 years old, was found dead today in her little two-room apartment in Spring street. The discovery was made by her 8-year-old daughter Rosie. The police are searching for two Italians, one known as Andrew Desposito, and the other unknown by name.

Mrs. Ducci frequently had boasted to her neighbors, they say, that she had a large sum of money, and that she always carried it in her bosom. When her body was discovered today it was lying on the floor, and the front of her waist and the corset had been torn. Two bent safety-pins, inside her corset, marked the place where the money had been kept.

Jefferson's Body Arrives.

New York, April 26.—The body of Joseph Jefferson, accompanied by several members of the family, arrived in Jersey City today from Florida. The casket will be placed on board the midnight train for Boston. The funeral will be held Sunday at Buzzards Bay. The interment will be in Bay View cemetery at Sandwich, Mass.

TROUBLE ON RANGE

Sheep Men Killed in Klamath County.

A CLASHING OF INTERESTS

Two Men Killed Over Controversy Over Sheep Ranges Caused by Camp Being Burned and a Large Number of Sheep Killed Last Week.

Klamath Falls, Ore., April 26.—A report reached here last night from the Lorella district, about 35 miles in a southeasterly direction from Klamath Falls, that two men had been killed in the range war existing in the eastern part of the county. The men are supposed to have been herders, but no names could be learned, and people here are anxiously waiting details of the killing from the remote stock country, with which there is no means of communication except by courier.

The trouble is supposed to have taken place at David Ebler's camp, not far from Lorella. Ebler's camp was burned on the night of April 13, following the slaughter of 90 sheep belonging to Creed McKenzie, a sheep man ranging in the same district. While the actual marauders were unknown, the shepherds shrewdly suspected the men really back of the shooting.

After his camp was burned Ebler armed his employees thoroughly and put a close guard over his bands, the announcement being made that further attempt to drive him out would mean trouble. The sheriff and deputy sheriff of Klamath county left for the eastern border several days ago.

Bad blood between sheep and cattlemen in southeastern Malheur was carried over from last season. No serious outbreak occurred in 1904, though sheep have been killed in the past in the Bly district. This spring it soon became evident, however, that the long-pent-up feeling would manifest itself in violence. A few minor incidents are said to have taken place, but the first serious demonstration was April 13, when, as previously stated, in a Klamath Falls dispatch nine masked men assailed Creed McKenzie's camp and shot nearly 100 sheep. From killing sheep to killing men appears to have been a quick step, as the last news from Lorella stated that the temper of the opposing factions was at danger-point.

HUNTING BEAR

Roosevelt and Party Take a Rest.

ARE ON DIVIDE CREEK

Secretary Loeb Visits President and Brings Large Amount of Mail.

WOMEN SEND CAKE TO CAMP

Bear Killed by the President Monday Furnished One of the Finest Skins Ever Seen and Is in the Hands of a Taxidermist for Mounting.

Glenwood Springs, April 26.—Rest was taken at Camp Roosevelt today by all members of the party. They were utterly worn out after the hard chase on Monday and Tuesday. Secretary Loeb visited the camp today and found the president reading and several hunters telling stories when he reached the camp on the east divide.

Mr. Roosevelt questioned the secretary concerning the happenings of the past few days, preferring to get his news in this manner rather than by reading the big bundle of papers taken to camp by Courier Chapman. Mr. Loeb was urged to remain several days with the party, taking the place of P. B. Stewart, who left yesterday. The secretary has not decided what to do, but he expects to return tomorrow night. He may hunt a part of the day before riding to New Castle.

The women of New Castle sent a high fruit cake to camp today and Dan McPherson, a rancher, sent a basket containing several dozen of fresh eggs.

The bear killed by the president on Monday furnished one of the finest skins ever seen here, according to the taxidermist with whom it was left for mounting. The bear was of the brown variety with long hair and uniform in color. The animal was shot directly through the heart. After it had been overtaken by dogs it went up a tree to a position 25 feet high. After the president shot it, it went 20 feet higher and then dropped to the ground.

STRIKE NOT SETTLED.

Chicago Teamsters' Strike Spreads to Other Houses.

Chicago, April 26.—Instead of being settled as predicted last night, the strike of the teamsters at the establishment of Montgomery & Ward's has spread to other firms, and the indications are tonight before the controversy is finally adjusted there will be a general strike of union teamsters employed throughout the city. The demand of the Chicago employers' association that all teamsters deliver goods to Montgomery & Ward under penalty of instant discharge resulted tonight in a spread of the strike to Carson, Piere, Scott & Co., Marshall Wells & Co., J. V. Farwell & Co. and the Forbes Cartage Company. The spread of the strike threatens to continue tomorrow. An understanding is said to have been reached among leading teamsters in various firms throughout the city, that whenever a member of the union is discharged for not making deliveries to Montgomery & Ward that all men in the barn are to quit work.

TAX COLLECTOR A DEFAULTER.

Edward J. Smith of San Francisco Short Over \$70,000.

San Francisco, April 26.—Edward J. Smith, tax collector of San Francisco, was today officially declared to be a defaulter. The amount of the alleged embezzlement is said to be between \$50,000 and \$70,000. The actual condition of the affairs of his office will not be known until tomorrow, when the experts conclude the investigation. Six days ago Smith announced his intention of going on a vacation in the southern part of the state. No

attention was paid to his departure until today when Cashier John Smith, brother of the tax collector, upon notifying the Southern Pacific of its delinquent taxes amounting to about \$40,000, was told by the company that they had paid the amount to the tax collector personally. Smith immediately notified Mayor Schmidt, who suspended the tax collector.

Soon after the announcement of the defalcation came the statement that two weeks ago the absent man secured \$15,000 from Chief Deputy City and County Treasurer Devoto on his personal check. Tonight it is reported that there is an additional shortage of \$15,000 was found in Smith's office.

With the announcement of Smith's suspension it came to light that two years ago his brother John Smith made good a shortage on Smith's accounts in the tax collector's office amounting to \$165,000. Mayor Schmidt is authority for the latter statement. Since the defalcation was made public it is said to have lost considerable money in gambling and betting on horse races. The police believe he will be apprehended, although they confess that he has six days' start, which is a bad handicap.

MINISTER TO CHINA.

Prominent Russian Appointed to Represent Government.

Pekin, April 26.—M. Pokotloff, one of the directors of the Russo-Chinese bank, has been appointed Russian minister to China, to succeed M. Paul Lesnar, who died recently. M. Pokotloff has had many years' experience in Chinese affairs and is considered very suitable for the position. His selection has, however, created some surprise, as he has hitherto held no diplomatic appointment.

JAPANESE KILLED

Passenger Train Runs Into Gang of Workmen.

ACCIDENT WAS UNAVOIDABLE

Southern Pacific Train Was Passing Through Beowana, Nev., and Literally Plowed Itself Through a Gang of Workmen Before It Was Stopped.

Reno, Nev., April 26.—The east bound passenger train on the Southern Pacific railway in passing through Beowana, Nev., this morning, going at a high rate of speed, ran into a gang of Japanese who were employed repairing the railroad track. There were about 50 men in the gang and the train literally plowed its way through the men before they were aware of its approach, killing two and injuring several.

An investigation showed that the accident was unavoidable. The train suddenly rounded a curve in the road and struck the laborers before the engineer had an opportunity to slow down the train. The engineer was not aware that the laborers were at work as no signal flag had been displayed which is usual when men are working on railroad work.

FATHER AND SON.

John Paul Jones Body Buried in Same Vault With Father.

Paris, April 26.—When the news was first circulated that the body of Paul Jones was buried in Kirkben church, Dumfries, Scotland, where the tomb is still seen, Ambassador Porter, although he had already verified the exact burial place as being Paris; wrote to the pastor of Dumfries' Manse, Rev. McKenzie, who replied as follows:

"The tomb is that of the father of Paul Jones, and the inscription is: 'In Memory of John Paul, Sr., who died at Arbigland, October 24, 1767, universally esteemed.'"

"Below appears an inscription: 'Erected by John Paul, Jr.'"

"John Paul was the original name of Admiral Jones."

Baseball Scores.

Portland—Tacoma 10, Portland 4. San Francisco—Oakland 0, San Francisco 2. Seattle—Los Angeles 1, Seattle 4.

SCHNORRERS

Professional Beggar Makes Fortune.

HAS MONEY TO BURN

King of Beggars Association is Arrested in New York City.

WAS VERY SMOOTH GRAFTER

His Scheme Was Worked Among University Men Upon the Plea That He Had a Remittance Coming from Home Which Had Not Materialized.

New York, April 26.—Hermann Wilhelm Troebner, "king of the Schnorrers," as a band of professional beggars is known, is locked up here awaiting arraignment on several complaints by the Charity Organization Society.

Officers of the latter allege that Troebner has cleaned up tens of thousands of dollars in the past four or five years, and that the full list of persons from whom his unique method procured money would read like a social register of New York. Troebner has lived at expensive hotels and for years has maintained a home in Hoboken for his wife's child. He is said to have lost large sums in gambling, both here and in the west. Under arrest with him is his secretary, Otto Wittles, to whom he paid \$25 a week to attend to the clerical work of his business.

Troebner began his operations as a professor of Sanskrit from Heidelberg or Leipzig. University men, and especially professors, were much in his favor and his story generally was to the effect that remittances from home had failed to arrive, leaving him temporarily in need of funds. In 1903 he was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for mendacity. In that case he used the name of Baron von Mantuffel. Recently he returned to New York and the charity organization heard of him through the officials of a copper mining company to whom he represented himself as an expert mining engineer. Technical questions asked him placed him under suspicion because he failed to display much knowledge on the subject.

When arrested Troebner and his secretary were en route to Boston, whence they expected to sail for England.

WESTERN PACIFIC.

Important Meeting of Directors to Be Held in New York.

San Francisco, April 26.—Three of the local directors of the Western Pacific departed last evening for New York where they are to attend the important meeting called by George Gould for the purpose of reorganizing the board and placing contracts for the construction of the big new transcontinental road. The directors who left town last evening were J. Daisell Brown, David F. Walker, and J. A. Batchelder. Another local director, A. C. Kains, has already left for the east.

The majority of the board will be residents of New York and all future meetings will be held in that city. Among other things W. J. Barnett will relinquish the presidency of the Western Pacific at the meeting next Monday and that office will be given to E. T. Jeffery, president of the Denver & Rio Grande. Mr. Barnett will become vice president and general counsel of the company. Contracts for the construction of the entire line from here to Salt Lake have been decided upon and it is announced that they will be officially awarded at Monday's meeting.

CITY BONDS DISAPPEAR.

Some One Has Copped the Assets of Salt Lake City. Salt Lake City, April 26.—Four thousand dollars worth of Salt Lake

city bonds have mysteriously disappeared and city officials are making an effort to locate them. In 1892 the city issued 5 per cent bonds to the amount of \$548,000. Last year there was a release at 4 1/2 per cent to replace the former issue. The new bonds were taken to New York by Recorder J. S. Critchlow and left at the Wells Fargo bank. The bank has notified Mr. Critchlow that \$20,000 of the old 5s have been presented, but there are only \$18,000 of 4 1/2s to exchange for them. No explanation of the discrepancy has yet been found.

CONSULTING ENGINEER.

Germany Names Engineer for Isthmian Canal.

Washington, April 26.—The German government has designated Mr. Lincaza as the German member of the board of consulting engineers for the isthmian canal. Mr. Lincaza is said to be connected with the German ministry of public works and is one of the leading civil engineers of Germany.

The compensation of these consulting engineers has not yet been fixed, but it is Secretary Taft's purpose to make it very liberal in view of the high grade of expert talent required. It is proposed to increase the membership of the consulting board to 12 or 15 members.

Jockey Laid Up.

New York, April 26.—Grover Cleveland Fuller of Chicago, the jockey thrown from his mount at the finish of the excelsior handicap, is said to have sustained a fractured knee cap. He is at the Jamaica hospital and probably will not be able to walk for several weeks.

RUSSIANS REPULSED

Jap and Russian Armies Have Mix Up in Manchuria.

SMALL LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES

Engagement Was of Short Duration and After Endeavoring to Fight the Russians Flew the Coop and Continued to Retreat in Good Order.

Tokio, April 26, 2 p. m.—The following official announcement was made today:

"On April 24 a Russian force consisting of five battalions of infantry, 16 Sotnias of cavalry, and one battery of artillery, in pressing our advanced cavalry, attacked them in the vicinity of Kalyuan. Our Kalyuan force attacked the Russians in return, defeated and pursued them north to Mienhuachieh. Our casualties were 33. The enemy left about 250 dead on the field."

"Two other Russian forces, one consisting of six battalions of infantry and 16 Sotnias of cavalry; the other of 12 Sotnias of cavalry and one battery of artillery, attacked Changtu and Siatotzu, respectively but retreated north when the other Russian force was defeated at Kalyuan."

BRIDGE WASHED AWAY.

High Water in Colorado Washes Out Railroad Track.

Trinidad, April 26.—The Las Animas river reached its highest mark today. The south approach to the Rio Grande railroad bridge has dropped into the river. Railroad rails were thrown into the river to keep the wrecked portion of the bridge from washing away, but the force of the flood was so strong that it may be washed away any minute. A temporary water supply has been furnished the business portion of the city today by laying water mains across the Rio Grande bridge.

WILL JOIN THE ARMY.

Prince Fredrick Leopold of Russia to Take the Field.

Pekin, April 26.—According to present arrangements, Prince Fredrick Leopold of Prussia will leave on Sunday next, via Kaigan and Kiachta, to join the Russian army in Manchuria. His visit here has been very quiet. He officially visited their majesties, the emperor and the dowager empress. The prince expressed himself very much pleased with his stay in Peking.