



DETECTIVES HAVE A CLUE

Which May Land Wolff's Murderer

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IS SUPPORTED BY EVIDENCE

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PORTLAND, May 2.—Chief of Police Gritzmacher inclines to the theory that Nathan Wolff, the pawnbroker, who was murdered Friday evening was killed by one man. His theory is supported by the evidence of M. L. Dubois, a cook employed in the restaurant near Wolff's pawnshop. Dubois declares that shortly before 6:30, while waiting for that hour to arrive to begin work, he stopped in front of Wolff's show window for five minutes. At this time, the front door was wide open and a man whose description Dubois has furnished to the police, was behind the counter. Dubois says the man had apparently been moving and come to an abrupt stop and started directly at Dubois in a startled manner. Dubois had no reason to suspect the man was not employed in the place and thought nothing of the circumstance until he learned that Wolff had been murdered. Dubois says he would recognize the man. The detectives have worked ceaselessly since the crime was committed but few clues have been found. One which bids fair to be productive of results was the laundry mark on the murderer's collar. Several laundries had customers with a similar mark, but all are people of good repute. The only other development today was the telephone message from Halsey which stated that a tramp passed through that place in the direction of Harrisburg selling cheap jewelry. This man wore neither a collar nor necktie. The police in the valley towns have been requested to arrest this man.

POLICEMAN SHOT DEAD.

DENVER, May 2.—Making the fast rounds of his watch, Charles M. Beck, a policeman, was shot through the head and instantly killed in the store of the Denver Photograph Supply Co., into which store he had crawled in pursuit of a burglar, at 3 o'clock this morning.

Beck, who was accustomed to walk a short distance into the alleys on his beat found a window pried from its fastenings. He evidently followed through the window into the darkness and to his death. Beck had been a policeman for about a year. No arrests were made.

MAYOR AND TRACTION OFFICIALS PREVENT A STRIKE

CLEVELAND, May 2.—After voting 1452 to 128 in favor of a strike, the conductors and motormen of the Municipal Traction Company tonight practically reached an agreement with the mayor and traction officials

TOOK HER ALL. Robbed of 15 Years' Savings in an Elevator.

CHICAGO, May 2.—Mrs. John A. Smith of South Chicago, was robbed yesterday of her savings of 15 years. Mrs. Smith, who is 50 years old, went to a bank and drew out \$925, the savings of all those years—her husband's and hers combined—with which to purchase a home. Half an hour later she was robbed of her purse which contained the money while riding in an elevator in a downtown department store. The theft occurred as Mrs. Smith had counted her money in a waiting room in which a strange woman was also sitting and who rode down in the same elevator with her. While she was in the elevator which was crowded, Mrs. Smith's handbag was cut from the handle and taken by the thief, who the police think, was the woman she had noticed in the waiting room.

MONTHLY MINT STATEMENT.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The monthly statement of the directors of the mint shows the total coinage executed at the mints of the United States during April, 1908, was \$28,230,682 as follows: Gold, \$27,307,500; silver, \$767,000; minor coins, \$156,122. In addition to the above 3,593,594 pieces were coined for the Philippine Government.

BILL STRICKEN OUT

Providing for Building for the Ambassadors

CULBERSON'S OBJECTION

Culberson Raised an Objection and Based it Mainly on the Fact That the Subject Had Not Received Proper Consideration.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The policy sought to be established by the government of providing and equipping buildings for its ambassadors in the foreign capitals received set-back in the Senate today where the diplomatic bill was under consideration.

Through a point of order by Culberson, an amendment to the house bill appropriating \$400,000 for such a building at Paris was stricken out. Culberson based his objections mainly on the fact that the subject had not been properly considered. An amendment was placed in the bill by the committee on the appropriation as the solicitations of a committee on the foreign relations and the secretary of state and was an object of considerable discussion. The bill was passed following the eulogy on the life, character and public services of the late Senators Mallory and Bryan were delivered and as a further mark of respect the Senate adjourned.

INCIDENT CLOSED.

MUKDEN, May 2.—The assault episode of April 6 at the American consulate, has been closed. The American staff has been exonerated and three of the Japanese officials have been punished.

ASTORIANS TO WITNESS THE PASSING OF THE WHITE ARMADA AS IT CROSSES THE FLOOD OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER

WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 2, 1908.

"HON. W. T. SCHOLFIELD, PRES. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ASTORIA, OREGON.

"THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY HAS DIRECTED THE COMMANDER OF THE ATLANTIC FLEET TO SAIL CLOSE IN TO THE MOUTH OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER, IN DAY TIME, AND SLOW DOWN TO GIVE THE PEOPLE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE FLEET. THE COMMANDER WILL WIRE YOU THE DAY AND HOUR ON WHICH IT WILL ARRIVE.

"C. W. FULTON."

The above is the cheerful text of the telegram received yesterday, at noon, by President Scholfield, of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, from U. S. Senator Fulton, of this State, and city, in response to an urgent request sent on by wire a day or two ago; and shows that Astoria's commercial body is in the swim and that Astoria's Senator is at work for her whenever he can do anything.

This clears the way for a splendid program for the day when the Chamber of Commerce shall send out its chartered steamship loaded with a thousand sight-seers to view the passing of the Armada on its way to Puget Sound.

The only thing to pray for in this relation, now, is one of the glorious May days that are known to fall on this favored section just when it is wanted. With that, and the Roscoe, or the Elder, or any other equal craft, and a thousand loyal Astorians, the broad, sea-view of the magnificent fleet on its own high element, will be an event to chronicle in crimson on the tablets of memory hereabout.

The day, the hour, the ship and the program for this fine excursion will all be arranged shortly, and will be duly and widely announced by the Chamber of Commerce.

STEP BY STEP.

House Considers the Civic Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Paragraph by paragraph, under a suspension of the rules the sundry bill was considered in the House today. The consideration of the paragraph making an appropriation for the geological survey and the remainder of the bill was postponed by agreement until Monday. The house after a spirited debate passed the bill authorizing the appointment by the president of an additional member of the Philippine commission. The bill appropriating \$25,000 for the relief of the tornado sufferers in the South was passed without incident. The house adjourned until tomorrow.

STOCK MARKET STRONG.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The daily volume of transactions in stock ran to over a million shares on two days of this week. Prices were the highest since the panic of last October. This marked a culmination of the rise and prices afterward reacted to some extent and the volume of the market shrank. The exhaustion of the short interest in the rise conducted to this result. The effect of the success of the Pennsylvania bond sale waned somewhat. The quarterly report of the U. S. Steel Corporation was not of cheering effect. The heavy expansion in surplus of idle freight cars in the half month to April 15 was not liked. Money continued easy in spite of gold exports and recall of government deposits and crop news was favorable.

FEDERATION CAMPAIGN.

Will be Directed From Chicago—Will Give Speeches Until November.

CHICAGO, May 2.—The political campaign recently decided upon by the American Federation of Labor will be directed from Chicago. Plans were made yesterday by the executive board of the Chicago Federation of Labor to fire the opening gun at a mass meeting to be held tomorrow when President Gompers of the American Federation will speak on "Congress and Recent Supreme Court Decisions as Affecting Organized Labor." John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, will preside. Following that meeting will come a series of speeches by labor leaders on the last Sunday of each month until the campaign closes next November.

PROF. WHITE SELECTED.

CHICAGO, May 2.—Prof. Henry Seelye White of Vassar College, has been selected by the University of Chicago to fill the vacancy in the Department of Mathematics, caused by the death of Prof. Heinrich Masche. Prof. White is one of the best known mathematicians in America and is president of the American Mathematical Society.

BASEBALL SCORE.

At Seattle—Seattle 7, Aberdeen 2.
At Tacoma—Tacoma 7, Spokane 5.

ACUTE INDIGESTION

Mrs. Cleveland Gives Out a Formal Statement

EX-PRESIDENT CONVALESCING

Former President Grover Cleveland is Not so Seriously Ill as the Published Reports During the Week Have Declared Him to be.

LAKEWOOD, May 2.—That former President Cleveland is not so seriously ill as the published reports during the week have declared him to be, was the assurance given to the Associated Press tonight. The informants who were in a position to speak if the contrary were true at least two of the persons who are now attending as usual to business would be with Mr. Cleveland. A sudden attack of acute indigestion was experienced during the present week but Mrs. Cleveland, who gave out the formal statement today, insists that her husband is rapidly convalescing and his condition is no more serious now than it was when his illness originated last September.

VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY.

DURANGO, May 2.—At 8:50 tonight the jury in the case of John Van De Wede and John Mason, charged with killing U. S. Special Agent Walker near Hesperus, a few miles from here last November, brought in a verdict of not guilty. Both men were immediately rearrested on a charge of a conspiracy to murder Walker. It is understood that their bonds will be fixed at \$20,000 each.

DYNAMITED THE EXPRESS

Boiler of Mogul Engine Explodes

BOTH ENGINEERS DEAD

The Discovery of the Theft of 48 Sticks of Dynamite Furnishes a Clue

RAILROAD OFFERS A REWARD

Many Express the Opinion That a Defective Rail Caused the Boiler of the Big Moguel to Explode and Not Dynamite.

BUTTE, May 2.—A coroner's jury tonight brought in the verdict that Engineer Charles Hale and Charles Ming, who lost their lives in the blowing up of the Burlington express near here, came to their death as a result of a wreck caused by dynamite. The discovery of the theft of 48 sticks of dynamite from the powder house near the scene of the wreck has afforded the officers a clue which is now being run down. Just what the clue is the authorities refuse to state and give it as though it is intimated hoodlums are suspected. The officers are at a loss to find a motive for the wrecking of the train and inclined to the opinion that the dynamiting might have been done with the idea of causing excitement. Fireman Ehle is in a dying condition tonight and little hope is expressed for his recovery. A number of passengers were severely bruised but none sustained serious injury. A score of railroad detectives are on the scene and every conceivable kind of a rumor is being run to earth. Despite the fact that the engine crew of the first engine declare they saw a flash light precede the explosion and that the passengers and others who rushed to the scene immediately after the explosion declared they could plainly smell the odor of powder, many express the opinion that a defective rail caused the wrecking of the boiler of the big mogul and caused it to explode. Men familiar with dynamite declare that the absence of any hole in the ground is evidence that dynamite was not used. This theory is scouted by the railroad officials who have offered \$5000 for the apprehension of the perpetrators of the outrage.

CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The Republican members of the house of representatives will hold two caucuses next week, one on Tuesday and other on Friday. At Tuesday's meeting they will decide whether there shall be financial legislation during the present session and at the second session they will consider the advisability of other important legislation including the amendment to the Sherman anti-trust law and the regulation of injunctions.

TWENTY-FIVE MILE RACE WON BY SIDNEY R. HATCH

ST. LOUIS, May 2.—Displaying a remarkable reserve strength at the finish of the wearying run of 25 miles, Sidney R. Hatch, of the first regiment of the A. C. of Chicago, today for the third time, won the Missouri Athletic Club's Marathon race and gained the right to represent America in the Olympic games this summer at London. Hatch made the distance in 2:29:00 3-5.