

**NAMES MANY IN CONFESSION**

**Former New York Gambler Tells of Grafters on the Metropolitan Police Force.**

New York.—An even two dozen—some dead, some retired, some still on the New York police force—were branded as grafters or go-betweens in the recital of James Purcell, who told the aldermanic investigating committee how he and his associates had given up \$50,000 protection money in 17 years.

His story was the most important told to the committee since it began its inquiry into police conditions following the murder of Herman Rosenthal, shot down because he "squealed."

On the strength of Purcell's unsupported story, said Commissioner Waldo, he would do nothing, but if his investigation corroborated the gambler's charges he would suspend the accused officers.

The police captains Purcell charged with receiving tribute for protecting his gambling establishments are Patrick J. Cray, brother-in-law of Charles P. Murphy, the Tammany leader, and Captains Martens, Maude and Cochran. Others he mentioned are no longer on the force.

**SPOKANE FAIR SEPTEMBER 15**

**Date Fixed by North Pacific Association.**

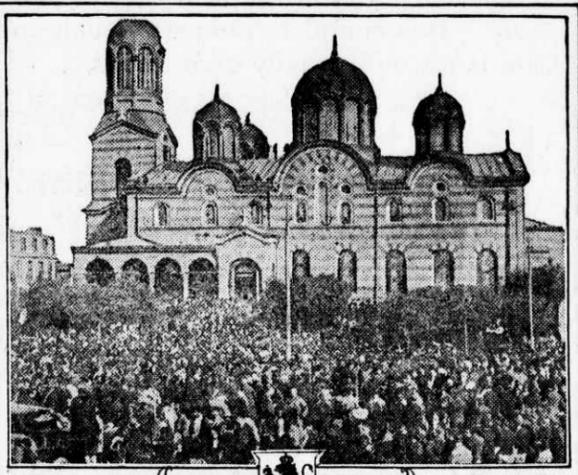
Agreeing on the dates for holding practically all the important fairs in the northwest next fall, the annual convention of the North Pacific Fair association adjourned to meet a year hence in Vancouver, B. C.

After a two days' discussion the following dates were decided upon: Vancouver, B. C., September 1; Vancouver, Wash., September 8; Spokane Interstate, September 15; Walla Walla, September 22, and North Yakima, September 29.

One important date upon which agreement could not be obtained was the time for holding the Oregon state fair for 1913. No date was definitely fixed, and the state board of agriculture will consult the almanacs and weather prophets and later in the year attempt to pick a week in which rain is not predicted.

Illinois in 1912 produced 28,000,000 barrels of oil of 42 gallons each.

**IN THE BULGARIAN CAPITAL**



OLD CATHEDRAL AT SOFIA

**L**EAST known of all cities of Europe, for its size and modernity, at least, is Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, focal-point for the direction of revolution in Macedonia, heart of the camerillas of Balkan diplomats and city of strange and curious populace, all in one.

Last night the train came into Sofia too late to permit of even the hastiest inspection. Today we breakfast on the portico of a modern, well-kept hotel, overlooking a busy street; just such a street as one will find in thousands of American towns, where the street car is only run every 15 minutes and the electric lights may be interspersed only semi-occasionally between corners. That is the first impression of the capital of Bulgaria, the city of revolutionists, the headquarters of the bloody Macedonian committee, the place where was hatched the conspiracy against the American missionary, Miss Stone, and from which there emanate, constantly, plots against the sultan; the seat of secession and insurrection and everything else likely to overthrow the balance of power and plunge southern Europe in war! Yet, despite that, I would rather be left alone in Sofia, Bulgaria, than in a town in Arizona at midnight.

**A Picturesque Capital.**

Bulgaria is picturesque and its capital is particularly so. Pretty peasant girls through the streets, dressed in long, lavender skirts, from which emerge just a few inches of white underskirt, gay in its fringe; and above this there hangs a cloak of dark lavender, covered with embroidery. Over the bosom the girls wear the heavy silver dowry, which jingles merrily as they pass.

Everybody is bound for the weekly market, and, as is the invariable rule in Balkan travel, the tourist, whenever he is fortunate enough to strike market day, follows the people to the bazaar. Over a booth of little horn knives we stop a moment to watch a pair of lovers, the girl conspicuous for a heavily-worked apron of green, and with a lavender cap, worn to inclose two thin braids of hair. Great cords are drawn across her breast by way of ornament and she is pretty enough for a jaded western globe trotter to fall in love with on the spot. Beyond is a man whose home-woven rugs, on a shoulder, tempt as he cries: "Only \$2!" At home they would be \$20 or \$30.

We are in the quarter devoted to fruit, a lively one on the market. A pome like the pomegranate but filled with tiny red seeds, and known as the Maravi, is everywhere. Also there are grapes and plums, lemons, peaches and apples, and, among these, dishes of cottage cheese. Beyond are the vegetables, mangoes and cauliflowers, potatoes and egg-plant, okra, oyster-plant, pickles and tomatoes, spinach, cabbage, red cabbage and peppers, all in picturesque confusion. Onions, tied in bunches, such as is garlio at home, grace other of the brown wicker baskets, appetizing in their cleanliness, on the racks before the stalls.

But we come not to buy—not even the great Bulgar leek—but to see the people, the picturesque peasantry of southern Bulgaria. To the designers of women's gowns and fashion plates a visit here would repay. Every village's quota is dressed exactly alike, even to the stitching. Vest fronts of lavender and heavy silver belt buckles seem the only points of universal similarity.

Many of the folk of younger age have a V of beading on the yoke, and quite a number wear freshly-cut dahlias banked in the hair until they resemble Maori princesses, but this style is not ubiquitous.

Among the second-hand stores of another quarter of town-market one sees the Moslem women, noticeable for the large portion of the face they expose at this place.

We pass through an aisle lined with bunches of shoes, slippers, or, better, even, sandals—red or yellow. We enter a court completely hung with brilliant footwear. It is crowded with peasants. Blue velvet skirts, fringed with lace; caps of blue lining, with

fur protruding from the edge; long, black cloaks, with a hem of gilt embroidery; longer white skirts, edged in red lace; pale blue kerchiefs about the head, hair down the owner's back in a dozen tiny strands like proverbial Topsyies at home, and each with a ribbon of another color. So the picture shifts and scintillates and changes ever, as in a kaleidoscope, before our eyes.

**Revolutionists at Home.**

One has a wonderful opportunity here to see how these revolutionists conduct themselves. A woman has a bunch of chickens by the legs in one hand, trying to sell. A man, near-by, has a great band about the waist to which hangs a pannier with coals. Coke is the soft coal of Bulgaria. Another hawk has pigeons in baskets, for the Bulgar is fond of these. In other baskets, or suspended from either end of a pole worn across the shoulders, are rabbits fresh from the Balkan wilderness. Turkeys, too, half wild, are carried in the same fashion.

The young market girls are pretty and their wares are the best of their sort. Many of the maidens have in their care large tin boxes of mushrooms, which are almost as plentiful as potatoes, and are frequently found in large, rounded trays on the sidewalks over the city. Fisherboys, with nets over the shoulder, as in pictures of the old "Arabian Nights," stop to chat with them while standing guard over like trays of river fish. Here is a man with sponges in one hand and fowl in another. Yonder a woman is selling spindles, sitting beside a basket of them in the broiling sun. A squeal, and a lad goes by with a live pig under his arms. A cry, and the toy-seller is upon us. Women jingle as they pass for the silver bracelets on the arm.

Then we enter another quarter of the marketplace. Here most of the women bear black and white bags in which they carry their purchases, and here the hair is divided into still more numerous braids. I counted 17 of these on one woman's back while we were watching the spectacle.

To pick this melee apart would be to spoil it. There's a beggar, his arms crippled when a babe, that he might become a mendicant. Beyond is a girl who has each braid end in a ribbon and coin, and she covets these as she passes. Now and then a Turk will pass, selling Turkish coffee. So much for the market at present.

Gypsies are as numerous as the children; but even more plentiful are the harkers. They remind one of old London by their number.

Among the booths where the wooden water-flasks and the heavy peasant knives are sold, is the Greek cathedral. The czar of Russia has recently given a fund to this. Across the front of the church a wooden screen, known as the iconostas, is built, heavily painted in white and covered over with patterns of gray. On this the icons, or sacred paintings, are hung, but the workmanship of these is poor. Great pillars, in double rows, support the church itself, and on a stand beside one of these a "treasure" is shown. This latter is a glass case containing 13 medallions, about 6x3 inches in size, each exquisitely made miniatures from the life of Christ. Heavy crystal chandeliers serve to illumine the treasure. Besides, there are great candelabra illumining a tomb, covered by a canopy of red, with silver plates and heavy velvet cloth of purple, draped between. The whole interior of the church appears lofty, and yet in comparison to other Greek cathedrals is not unimpressive. The mighty candlesticks, of the thickness of tree trunks, that are intended to be the piece de resistance of the church, resemble exaggerated Turkish coffee mills more than anything along lines artistic.

The church, however, is interesting as being the place of worship of King Ferdinand and the royal family of Bulgaria, and next the archimandrite's seat (of heavy carved oak), there is a heavily-gilded canopy of scarlet reserved for their use.

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**PRESIDENT TAFT SAYS GOODBYE**

**To University Club Members Saturday—Gets Gold Key.**

Washington.—President Taft said his farewell to the college men Saturday night at the annual dinner of the University club, of which he is a member.

In recognition of his service as first president of the University club, President Taft was presented with a golden key to admit him at all times to the newly opened clubhouse.

Just before Mr. Taft arose to accept the gift he heard himself characterized by Colonel George Harvey of New York as the "worst licked, the least sore and the best liked of all our presidents."

Colonel Harvey spoke on the relationship of the university to public service.

**Land Fakir Got Two Years.**

Portland.—A. H. Biehl, convicted recently in the federal court of conspiracy in connection with the Columbia River Orchards company land frauds, was sentenced to serve two years at McNeil's Island by United States Circuit Judge R. S. Bean.

**COAL MINERS FIGHT WEST VIRGINIA GUARDS**

**Twelve of Strikers Among Killed—Many Arrests Made.**

Charleston, W. Va.—Fifteen are dead, including 12 miners and three mine guards, as the result of a battle in the Kanawha county coal fields Monday. The guards killed are William Radcliffe, James Mance and Bernard Crockett. Fred Bobbett, book-keeper for the Paint Creek Collieries company, reported killed, is alive tonight with little chance to recover. Another wounded man is Lieutenant R. L. Taylor of the national guard, who has been investigating strike conditions. Eight strikers charged with rioting were brought here.

The battle today started near Mucklow, when Fred W. Lester, former captain in the West Virginia national guard, now employed by a coal company, who was in charge of mine guards, attempted to head off several hundred strikers trying to gain a position from which they could fire on Mucklow out of range of the machine guns. In this skirmish two officers were killed.

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**MONTANA BRIEFS**

Missoula and western Montana awoke Saturday to the coldest morning of the winter.

With five weeks of the legislative session passed the assembly has yet to enact several measures embodied in the state democratic platform.

A small amount of damage was caused to the boilers in the engine room of the flour mill at Kallispell, Mont., recently, by the bursting of steam pipes which had frozen.

In the committee of the whole in the senate the Burlingame bill relating to burglary and making the punishment as great for a crime committed in the day as one done in the night, was recommended for passage.

True to his prediction that he would die February 8, made three weeks ago, John J. Keller, an old-time Indian scout, and a character of this city, died in Butte Saturday evening at the age of 73 years.

The object of the Soo line in its proposed \$25,000,000 construction of 725 miles of heavy standard road from Plaza, N. D., toward the west, to connect with the Canadian Pacific near the Idaho-Montana line, is to open up a large and productive territory having no present transportation facilities and to place it in direct connection with Minneapolis and St. Paul.

The senate of Montana has passed the bill giving the state railroad commission powers of a public utility commission in addition to its other duties. The senate also passed the bill providing for the payment of interest on city and county funds deposited in banks, and agreed to the house amendments to the bill fixing the salary of the state prison warden at \$4000 a year.

Mrs. Bessie Manhire was shot and killed Saturday at Butte by her 3-year-old son Joseph. The boy had secured an automatic revolver from his father's trunk and, unknown to his mother, had also gotten hold of several cartridges, which he had slipped into the gun. The boy playfully pointed the weapon at his mother and pulled the trigger. The bullet passed through his mother's head.

A jury in the United States district court at San Francisco awarded a judgment of \$50,047 to the government in the case against A. B. Hammond, charged with having removed timber from government lands in Montana. Hammond is president of the Montana Improvement company, Limited, and of the Blackfoot Mining and Milling company. These concerns were charged with having removed, under his direction, 21,185,410 feet of lumber valued at \$211,000 from the government domain. Hammond's defense was that he had been granted special permission to cut the timber.

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—Washington Star.

**Admiral Vreeland Relieved.**  
Washington.—On account of ill health Rear Admiral Charles E. Vreeland has been relieved of his duties as aide for operations to the secretary of the navy and will be succeeded by Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske.

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**GERMAN EMPEROR RELIGIOUS**

**In Stirring Address Tells His People to Not Forget God.**

Declaring that the Prussians were "oppressed and dismembered folk" in 1806, as a consequence of God's judgment because they had lost faith in him, the German emperor at a memorial service at Berlin university made Sunday a characteristic speech, warning the present generation of Germans not to forget the faith of their fathers. The emperor emphasized his words by pounding on the desk. He asserted the Germans of today are inclined to believe only in tangible things and to place difficulties in religion's way. "They should study history," he said, and see how the Prussians regained their old faith and fought the war of liberation, whose glorious result was not man's work, but God's work.

**WILL NEW SKIRTS BE NARROWER OR WIDER?**

Women of the east and west may be divided this year in the matter of skirts, according to reports emanating from the National Ladies' Tailors and Dressmakers' association convention in session in New York. New York tailors, it is declared, are determined upon making women's skirts at least six inches smaller around the bottom than worn last year, while western delegates have swung the other way and advocate that skirts be two and a half yards wide at the bottom. While at odds on skirts, it is said that the women of both sections will wear coats of a shorter and more mannish cut.

**PONY EXPRESS MEMORIAL**

**Monument Has Been Erected in St. Joseph (Mo.) Park.**

St. Joseph, Mo.—All the former "pony express" riders who could be located have been invited to attend the unveiling here on February 17 of a monument erected in a local park in commemoration of the pony express. The monument stands upon the spot from which the pony express of pioneer days used to start for the far west.

**Consumptive Cure-All Coming.**

Secret departure for America by Dr. Friedman was made from Berlin Saturday. The reason for the secret departure is that the German government had forbidden him to leave Germany. Dr. Friedman will probably remain in the United States permanently.

**Engineers May Strike.**

Official announcement that 30,000 firemen and engineers employed on 4 eastern railroads have voted to strike may be made this week.

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