

# THE FARCE IS FINISHED

## Prosecution of the Notorious Pincus Gang Falls Flat.

# THE THREE MEN ARE DISMISSED

## Complete Fiasco of the Police Department's Attempt to Round Up the Bunco Men Who Thrive Here.

There was a mock trial in the police court this morning. The notorious aggregation known as the "Pincus gang," was before Judge Cann upon charges of vagrancy preferred by the police department. After a brief inquiry, the accused were dismissed upon the grounds of insufficient evidence. Ben Pincus, George Williams and W. Blum are now free and unrestrained citizens of Seattle, and are entitled to cast their votes on terms of perfect equality with his honor the mayor, and all other citizens of high or low degree.

The condition of affairs leading up to this unique "trial" were somewhat anomalous. Shortly after Chief of Police Reed left Seattle for the East, Acting Chief Willard saw fit to take cognizance of the Star's repeated exposures of the operations of bunco men in this town, by ordering the wholesale arrest of all crooked characters found upon the streets. "Bring them in," was the command, "and don't wait for specific accusations. A general charge of vagrancy will do."

Acting upon this mandate, Officers Freeman and Hubbard went straight to the place where the Pincus combination was established and brought three of the members to the station, where they were held until cash bail bonds of \$50 each could be made out. Then they were released. The farce was not apparent to the officers who made the arrests until they saw the small bail bonds exacted. It was

quite evident that the arrested men had little to fear, else they would never have been so cheaply released. Outside of the three arrests mentioned, the order of Chief Willard had practically no effect.

On the night when the men were taken into custody, Judge Cann, out of the kindness of his heart, went to the police station and inquired if "the boys" had yet secured bail. Finding that the proper criminal case knew that no summons had been served upon the newspaper man, and that he had not even been told that his testimony was desired. After a painful wait for the Star man to appear, Judge Cann asked if there were any other witnesses. None appearing, the judge wrinkled his brows and, after a moment of calm deliberation, announced that the prisoners would be discharged, owing to "insufficient evidence."

Then a self-satisfied smile appeared upon the countenance of the acting chief of police, and the curtain was rung down.

# THE CHARLESTON HAS BEEN WRECKED

MANILA, Nov. 14.—The U. S. cruiser Charleston, which has been cruising lately about Luzon, to intercept insurgent arms and munitions, was blown on a reef a week ago in a typhoon, and wrecked. A large hole was stove in her hull. It was impossible to get her off. In spite of the fearful gale which was raging, good order was maintained, and the crew took to their boats without incident. In Luzon, which came to Manila this morning, the Guinapok rocks, near which the Charleston was wrecked, are just 25 miles north of Cape Engango, the northernmost point of Luzon mainland, and just eight miles east of Camiguin.

Camiguin is the largest island to the north of Luzon, and is well populated and highly cultivated, its inhabitants being superior in intelligence to any in the Philippines.

The southern portion of Camiguin is marked by the high cone of an extinct volcano, visible 60 miles at sea. On the west side of the island is a fine port, San Piro Quinto, the only place in the extreme northern Philippines where a large ship can lie safely.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 14.—In the official notice of the loss of the Charleston, Admiral Watson says: "Everybody was safely landed at Camiguin island, armed with rifles and two coils. The natives were friendly. McDonald made Lingayen gulf by sailing in a launch. The ship lies settled at the aft, in water one foot from the name, which is well out of the water forward. Ten days' provisions, half rations, were landed at Helena and were dispatched to Camiguin and are due today."

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—When Dewey was informed this morning of the reported loss of the Charleston, he said: "I am sorry, very sorry. The Charleston was a good ship, but if she had to be lost, I am glad that at least none of her gallant officers and crew shared her fate. It is a treacherous part where the Charleston was wrecked, one of the most treacherous on the whole island of Luzon."

# MORE STEAMERS TORTURED BY ON NOME RUN FOUR ROBBERS

A new line of palatial steamships will be put on next spring between this city and Cape Nome by the Seattle Steamship company. The company will operate three steamers, the smallest of which will have a capacity equal to that of the wrecked steamer Laurada. The steamship Oregon has already been secured, and is likely to arrive here any day. She is a vessel of about the same class as the Walla Walla. The company has not yet decided what it will do with her during the winter. The vessel will not be started for Nome before April 4. The company is now considering the advisability of running her between this port and Hawaii during the winter season.

The second vessel will be of the same class as the Oregon. Her name is being withheld, as the company intend to change it before bringing her to Seattle. There will be a third vessel, and unless the Laurada can be pulled off the rocks and put in good condition, a vessel of her class will be secured. All of the boats will be here during the winter, and unless some special charter is arranged, they will run to Lynn canal, Hawaii or San Francisco.

STREATOR, Ill., Nov. 14.—Deputy United States Marshal Tripp, of Peoria, and a posse of Streator citizens this morning captured three safe-blowers and postoffice robbers in this city. The captives were taken into custody for breaking into the postoffice at Chillicothe with the intent of robbing it.

HAZLETON, Pa., Nov. 14.—John Totten, aged 70 years, who conducts a small boot and shoe store at Tamand, is almost dead at his home in this city, from injuries received at the hands of burglars. Late at night he was awakened by the loud knocking on the door of his establishment. He opened the door and four men entered with drawn revolvers and seized him.

He was supposed to have a large sum of money in the store, and when he refused to reveal where it was hidden the robbers bound and gagged the old man and frightfully maltreated him. They then ransacked the house, but only secured 25 cents. He was found in an unconscious condition in the morning by neighbors.

An Anti-Trust Convention  
CHICAGO, Nov. 14.—The executive committee named at the recent trust conference in this city to make arrangements for another convention, met at the Sherman house last Saturday and decided that the conference should be held in January in Chicago. The committee members were: M. L. Lockwood, Hellen, Pa., president of the American Anti-Trust league, chairman of the committee; A. M. Prentiss, Chicago, vice chairman; R. W. Hoddinghouse, Chicago; George S. Bowen, Chicago; James W. Wilson, Chicago; W. B. Fleming, Kentucky; A. M. Todd, Michigan; Franklin H. Wentworth, Chicago.

### POLITICS MIXED.

The Socialist Democrats met last night and decided not to join in fusion in the coming municipal campaign. As the Democrats intend fusion by means of a citizens' ticket, and as the anti-Humes Republican element is in all probability going to send a large number of their following to support the citizens' ticket, things look like very mixed politics this spring.

Private Ellis Home.  
MORAN PRAIRIE, Wash., Nov. 14.—Private Carson E. Ellis, late of Company L, First Regiment, Washington volunteers, was tendered a rousing and enthusiastic reception Friday evening, Nov. 10, by the patriotic citizens of Moran Prairie. The young man's home is on Moran Prairie, where he has lived since a boy, and the reception was held in the church in that community.

### Revenue Collector Resigns

PENDLETON, Or., Nov. 14.—Marion A. Butler, deputy collector of internal revenue for this district, has resigned. Mr. Butler says his resignation is due merely to the press of his private law practice, and that he could not do justice to both office and the practice. He is a law partner of L. B. Reber, the latter a member of the last legislature in the lower house.

### CITY NEWS.

J. G. Schaefer, Van B. Tripplett and John Vaughn, alleged to be confidence men, were arrested late yesterday afternoon on a charge of vagrancy.

The remains of Isaac Robinson, who was drowned at White Horse rapids, Alaska, October 16, will be shipped to London by Butterworth's for interment.

Frank Smith, Tom Murphy and O. M. Bishop were arrested late yesterday by Officer Chipman, on a charge of stealing copper wire and brass fittings from the Third avenue car line.

J. E. Blackwell has been selected to succeed E. G. McMicken, as general freight and passenger agent of the N. A. T. & T. company.

### PIPE LINE TEST.

Another section of the Cedar river pipe-line is being tested today. This is beyond Black River junction. Early this morning City Engineer Thomas, Assistant City Engineer Scott, and members of the board of public works, left for the scene of the test. The pipe-line so far tested has proven highly satisfactory, and it is expected the test today will result in the acceptance of this part of the contract.

### A Moral Wave.

MOUNT VERNON, Wash., Nov. 14.—A number of prominent citizens of Skagit county, representing different church organizations and societies, have organized a league to be known as the Good Citizens' League of Skagit county. The object of the organization will be the enforcement of the laws touching Sunday observance, gambling, the liquor traffic and the abatement of vice, and the securing of such additional legislation as may be necessary to guarantee protection of the home and community. A vice president was elected for every town of importance in the county.

# STEAMER WAS OVERCROWDED

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—The steamer Homer, which arrived last Thursday from Alaska, is in trouble with the government. It has been called to the attention of Collector Jackson that the vessel arrived here greatly overcrowded. The license of the Homer authorizes the carrying of three cabin passengers, 56 second class passengers and a crew of 13 or 14, in all 72 persons. A report made to Surveyor Spear by A. F. Higgins, master of the Homer, shows that the vessel arrived here with 206 persons on board. Of this number 81 were cabin passengers, 90 were steerage passengers, and 35 composed the crew.

The penalty for overcrowding a vessel is \$50 for each person over the limit. Under this law the owners of the Homer can be held liable to the government for \$6,100. Capt. Higgins says that he violated the law by authority of the federal officials in Alaska. He does not claim, however, that such authority was given in writing.

### NEW MINING LAWS.

A small-sized convention of Cape Nome men met yesterday afternoon at the Diller hotel to inaugurate preliminary steps toward the correction of the mining laws now existing at Nome. The men will ask to have mining claims in Alaska made 500 square feet in area. They will also ask laws forbidding the location of claims by power of attorney. It is expected the co-operation of this by states representatives in congress will be secured.

### Another Flour Mill.

CORVALLIS, Or., Nov. 14.—H. P. Fischer, owner of the Corvallis flouring mills, has purchased from Ralfour, Guthrie & Co., the 250-horse power flouring mill formerly operated at Silverton by William Dunbar, now somewhere in the Orient. The value of the mill is about \$25,000, but the price at which it changed hands has not been made public. The mill will be thoroughly overhauled, and improved, and in about a month will be placed in operation by the new owner.

### THE HAGUE, Nov. 14.—

The state medical authorities have been officially informed that the bubonic plague has broken out at Lourenzo Marques. It is rumored that ten cases have been found there. Lourenzo Marques is the port of Delagoa bay in Portuguese East Africa. The town is notoriously unhealthy.

# BIG BATTLE AT SAN JACINTO

## General Wheaton Has a Fierce Engagement With the Filipinos.

# MAJ. LOGAN AMONG THE KILLED

## The Americans Suffer Severe Losses But Finally Put the Enemy to Flight—A Thrilling Affair.

MANILA, Nov. 14.—Wheaton's advance met the insurgents at San Jacinto. While striving to join hands with Lawton, a fierce engagement followed, in which the enemy was routed. The thirty-third volunteers, which led the attack, lost seven killed, including an officer and 35 wounded. The Americans captured 30 rebels and over 100 rifles.

Insurgent force at San Jacinto numbered 1,200 men, mostly Tarlac veterans under Gen. Tinis. They were concealed in the north town in trenches, before which stretch over 500 yards of a most impassable bog. The thirty-third volunteers, with one galling gun, dashed into the mud and struggled toward the trenches under a galling fire from the rebel sharpshooters who were located in trees and some houses along the road. One officer, a corporal, and a hospital steward fell dead on the spot, the sharpshooters spotting them by their insignia.

The Americans threw out a skirmish line a mile and half long, and they then waded forward heroically in the face of the insurgents' volleys.

MANILA, Nov. 14.—Among the 14 Filipinos killed in the attack by Col. March yesterday was Col. Carolas. On the corpse was found a telegram from Aguinaldo, ordering the use of poisoned arrows. Many cross-bow arrows were found in the Filipino trenches.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Private cable from Manila was received this morning, stating that Maj. John A. Logan had been killed.

He was the only son of "Black Jack" Logan.

### ESTACOURT, Natal, Nov. 14.—

A heavy bombardment continues at Ladysmith. The Estacourt defences are being constantly strengthened. The sentiment is growing, however, that the Boers will not attack the town, but will content themselves with holding Colenso and strengthening their position in the hills thereabouts.

### CAPE TOWN, Nov. 14.—

Delayed.—F. W. Reitz demanded of Gen. Buller that Gen. White be immediately released. Nathan Marks, the alleged Transvaal spy, is now confined at Ladysmith. The demand intimates that on the refusal to release Marks, it would be met with the execution of six British officers now held at Pretoria.

The transports Britinnia and Carrisbrook Castle arrived today, and the Britannic brings the Second Royal Irish rifles.

# TRUSTS ARE LIKE BANKS HE WAS PAID TO FIRE BUILDINGS

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—The Clearing House Committee of the Clearing House Association has decided to place all the trust companies that clear through banks in the association in the same category as the non-member banks, which means in effect that the trust companies will be obliged to make weekly reports of their assets and liabilities and to submit to a general examination of their affairs.

It was also decided by the committee to send out a formal notice to 64 banks in the association informing them that they must not clear for any trust company unless that company has been in active operation for at least one year.

This will result in barring out such companies as the Morton trust, the Federal trust, the Bankers' trust, the Century trust, the Trust Company of New York, and fully half a dozen others that have come into existence recently.

This rule will place the trust companies on exactly the same footing as non-member banks.

DULUTH, Minn., Nov. 14.—There was a sensation in the district court today when Hiram Rhodes went on the stand in a civil case and testified that he had set fire to numerous buildings for money.

The case was that of Rosenboom vs. Howard and Haynie, and John G. Howard, to collect money due. The firm was in the dry goods business, and failed five years ago. At that time Rhodes was a clerk in the store.

He swore he set fire to the store at the instigation of the Howards, who agreed to pay him \$300, and double it in case of a total loss.

He said he had previously set fire to six dwellings owned by the Howards, being assisted by Edward H. Howard.

John G. Howard denied the story, but declared that Rhodes fired the store, being hired to do so by Haynie.

# AN AUTOMOBILE TRUST FORMED

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—For a couple of weeks there has been talk in the bicycle-automobile trade of an amalgamation into one trust of the several automobile combinations that now exist. Simultaneously there has been afoot an alleged movement to consolidate all the rubber tire companies into one concern, with a capital of \$200,000,000.

The first definite news concerning the automobile combination is in the fact that the Anglo-American Vehicle Company has paid a fee of \$11,250 for a certificate of incorporation in Delaware, with a capital of \$75,000,000. This is the largest amount of capital named by any corporation in Delaware.

### The Force Under Otis.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 14.—Official advices from Major General Otis show that the strength of his command in the Philippines, exclusive of the hospital and medical corps, numbers 1341 officers and 39,462 enlisted men. His first report included all of the troops in his command on October 31, since which time a part of the Thirty-second and Thirty-ninth arrived at Manila.

### Wanted the Pay Roll.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Nov. 14.—Just before 6 o'clock last night a masked man entered the office of the Kent Furniture Company and attempted to make off with \$5,000 in the office for the payroll. He was seen and the entire office force attacked him and made him a prisoner. He gave his name as Frederick A. Boos and had "an r. s. w." in the factory.

# THE WATER FRONT.

The British ship Queen Victoria left the Sound yesterday with a cargo of wheat. This will be taken to South Africa for the use of the British army here.

Charges against sailing vessels for expenses incurred under quarantine regulations have been reduced at Honolulu from \$20 to \$15.

Tomorrow is steam day at Ocean dock.

The City of Seattle sails for the north tomorrow and the Al-Ki Thursday.

The steam collier Progresso arrived from San Francisco this morning.

### NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—

The Right Rev. Michael Wiegler, bishop of the Newark diocese, has been chosen by the Vatican to say mass at the birthplace of Christ in Bethlehem on Christmas morning.

Bishop Wiegler is the first person other than a member of the Franciscan Order of Monks upon whom this honor has been conferred.

The meteoric showers which were supposed to take place tonight were not seen in this city on account of clouds. The showers are supposed to be at their greatest brilliancy tomorrow morning at 1 o'clock.

Adam Tribler wanted in Portland, Ore., on a criminal charge, today applied for a writ of habeas corpus in Judge Jacobs' court, and it was granted, returnable Thursday.

At the Seattle clearing house today bank clearances amounted to \$532,425.99, while balances were \$135,378.96.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 14.—Admiral Watson called from Manila this morning. "Escaped" Spanish prisoners from San Fabian report seeing Oltmore in Tarlac with five men on Nov. 1, and all were well. The location of the other 13 is unknown. I have called Hong Kong for offers of salvage on the Charleston.

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