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STORM PLAYS HAVOC ON ATLANTIC COAST

A NUMBER OF VESSELS HAVE GONE DOWN AND MANY LIVES ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST—EARTHQUAKE FEATURE OF STORM ON LAND

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—A severe storm, which struck this city last night, increased to cyclonic violence this morning. Many boats anchored in the harbor are in danger.

Nineteen barges in tow of the tug Ashton overturned and washed ashore at Tompkinsville. Telegraph communication is badly crippled.

A fishing smack and a three-masted schooner went down off the Holland lighthouse during the storm. It is not known whether any of the crew was saved.

From Sandy Hook to Cape May barges and sailing craft were blown ashore. Two barges washed up on Sandy Hook without their crews. The crew of a barge about to founder was rescued by Long Beach life savers.

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 15.—This city is in the grip of a severe storm. Three inches of rain have fallen since last night. Much damage has already been done in Boston and vicinity.

EIGHT PERSONS DROWNED

WILMINGTON, Del., 15.—During the storm last night the tug Durham of Philadelphia sunk in the Delaware river off the mouth of Christian creek. Eight of the persons aboard her drowned. Two were saved. The barge in tow of the tug went ashore.

POKER ROOMS WERE PROMISED PROTECTION

BALLINGER ADMINISTRATION ALLEGED TO BE TIED UP BY ANTE-ELECTION PLEDGES—GAMES NOW RUNNING NOTHING LESS THAN ROBBERY

- Gambling and Gambling Devices—Whoever deals, plays at... or in any manner takes part in, or whoever carries on... or causes to be opened, or who conducts... any game of... faro, monte, roulette, lasquenette, rouge et noir, rondo, poker, draw-poker, keno or E. O... or any gaming table or game whatever, for the purpose of gambling, or any game of chance for the purpose of winning or securing money by chance... shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or by both.—Revised Ordinances of the City of Seattle (1902), page 242.

Intrenched, it is alleged, behind Mayor Ballinger's ante-election promise that "quiet poker games in saloons" would not be molested by the police under his administration, the rag, tag and bobtail of the once powerful Seattle gambling ring continues to eke out an existence by fleeing the unwary in "little games of draw" in back rooms from one end of the city to the other.

Resorting to methods of petty swindling which were despised in the days when gambling ran wide open, the tinhorn sports who feared to "take a chance" with their money in backing "bank" games in the palmy days are now reaping a comfortable harvest from the deluded victims of the gambling mania whom they can inveigle into their dens in saloon and cigar stand back rooms.

Faro bank and roulette games are philanthropic institutions compared with poker rooms as conducted under the Ballinger administration. They are as innocent of guile and as harmless as church fair grab bags when compared with the big "st game" that masquerades as a draw poker in the gambling houses.

Chief of Police Delaney now allows to run in Seattle. The "booster," the very gentleman whose presence made the big gambling houses so obnoxious to the law-abiding element when Tom Humes was mayor, is the whole thing in the present day poker rooms.

Every table is crowded with "boosters" "staked" by the "house," and the "sucker" who strays in to take a chance with a 50-cent stack matches his luck and his wits against from three to five black-legs, whose stock in trade is their ability to cheat at cards and dice and who deliberately play into one another's hands to win the "live one's" money for the house.

The poker rooms are still open and running as usual, despite The Star's stories calling the attention of the police to their existence.

Last night the various houses were running full blast when Star reporters made the rounds. On First avenue south The Star men were evidently recognized and the word passed down the line that they were coming. After this no money was in sight until the horizon cleared again. Elsewhere the reporters were allowed to witness games in progress as usual.

A police investigation would prove that the city is full of poker games. First avenue south for a distance of a block is lined with gambling dens and elaborate preparations are being made to open others. One table in the rear of the Western saloon, at First avenue south and Washington street, was doing a rushing business last night.

On the opposite side of the street the Seattle Bar annex, on the same corner, is open and with no more pretense at secrecy than two years ago. Next to this lively poker games were in progress last night in the Seattle Bar. Just south of these several tables were filled in the Magnolia and the Snohomish saloons. These places are open and the players can be readily seen from the bar.

Below Yesler Way there are numerous saloons in the rear of which poker games are in progress every night and no fear of the police is shown. The palmy days of old are called to mind when one enters the Tunnel saloon, at the corner of Fourth avenue and Main street.

Driven From Liao Yang by Stench From Human Bodies

JAPANESE MAKE CAREFUL PREPARATIONS FOR SYSTEMATIC ADVANCE NORTHWARD AND BUILD FORTS AROUND PORT ARTHUR IN WHICH THEY USE BIG GUNS WITH TELLING EFFECT

MUKDEN, Sept. 15.—It is reported that the Japanese were compelled to evacuate Liao Yang on account of the fearful stench arising from dead bodies. The Japanese are fortifying the approaches to Mukden by way of the Liao river. Preparations for advance are being continued. A small detachment of Japanese is moving northward from Taitse river. General Kuroki is now going east while to the westward preparations are being made to send a large force up the Liao. The Japanese already have 100 barges ready for use for this purpose. With these they intend to ascend as far as Tie Pass. It is stated that the Japanese are preparing a turning and flanking movement and will not engage in another big battle before the occupation of Tie pass. Preparations for this are expected to occupy a month.

ORLOFF IS BLAMED

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 15.—According to a Russian correspondent the blame for the loss of the battle of Liao Yang is being laid on

General Orloff, whom it is claimed failed to carry out General Kuropatkin's orders. According to this correspondent General Samsonoff, commanding a division of Siberian Cossacks, was sent by General Kuropatkin to occupy the Yental coal mines August 31 and hold the extreme left while he launched his main army against Kuroki. Orloff arrived the next morning and, being Samsonoff's superior, ordered him to attack Kuroki's extreme right. This resulted in confusion, during which Kuroki came up and put the Russians to flight. Kuroki's success resulted in Kuropatkin having to retire and lost the battle.

BURIED 3,100 RUSSIANS

TOKIO, Sept. 15.—Field Marshal Oyama reports that today the Russian position in the direction of Mukden is unchanged. He adds: "We buried 3,100 Russians at Liao Yang."

PARKER MEETS PARTY LEADERS

JUDGE WEATHERED THE STORM IN ORDER TO BE IN NEW YORK TODAY—HENRY G. DAVIS AND OTHERS ARE THERE

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Henry G. Davis, the democratic nominee, and Wm. F. Sheehan arrived at Hotel Astoria at 3 o'clock this morning. They are here to hold a conference with Judge Parker. It is expected that Gorman and other prominent leaders will also be present. This will be the most important conference of the campaign so far. Judge Parker left Scopus on the yacht Sapphire last night. Judge Parker arrived at the Astoria this morning, accompanied by his private secretary, MacCausland,

and John B. McDonald, the contractor, on whose private yacht he made the trip from Scopus. Owing to heavy weather, the Sapphire anchored off Cromwell light last night, leaving there at 5 o'clock this morning. The yacht landed Judge Parker at West Thirty-fifth street. He was at once driven to the hotel. After Davis, Sheehan consulted with the candidate for an hour and went away. Other callers were smuggled inside the door, including Perry Belmont, who called at 12:30 o'clock and was ushered to Parker's room.

Here well filled tables are in operation and no attention is paid to strangers who enter. Pike street below Fifth avenue has a number of places where poker is being played, not entirely in accordance with the quiet way some people would like to imply. Several cigar stands are maintaining tables and, with other conditions that exist there, the street is fast assuming the aspect of the tenderloin district.

First avenue above Yesler Way has a collection of good sized poker rooms that are filled each evening with gamblers. The uptown district is full of gambling rooms and fear of the police is absent. Complete statistics on the number of gambling rooms running in Seattle openly and unopposed would startle those who have been relying upon the promise made by Mayor Ballinger to enforce the felony law.

A few days ago a player in one of the Pike street houses made complaint that he had been robbed of \$150 in a gambling game, but no attention was paid to it by the department that should control the gambling situation. The fact that gamblers were recently bound over to the superior court does not appear to be notice to Chief Delaney that gambling has been conducted in the city.

It does not seem to have weighed enough with them to call for an investigation. Following the raids under the Civic union, which have now ceased, there has been no more of the same indifference to the law exists as did before that spasmodic revolt. Mayor Ballinger does not seem to have learned that the simple announcement that gambling will not be allowed will not do away with the evil.

Police officers on the beats where gambling is going on cannot help but see the games. Someone responsible for the enforcement of law must have knowledge of the fact that the law is being violated, yet no action has been taken. The two days' exposure by The Star brings forth the fact that gamblers do not fear the city officials.

RUSSIAN CRUISER LENA HAS HAD ENOUGH OF WAR

(By Scripps News Ass'n.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—The navy department this morning received a dispatch from Admiral Goodrich at San Francisco, stating that Captain Berinsky of the Lena had formally asked permission to dismantle his ship. He further desires to know to what extent the United States desires the ship disarmed.

This question probably will not be answered for a day or two, until the state department communicates with the Russian ambassador, now at Bar Harbor.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—According to a dispatch from Berlin, the Russian government is negotiating for the purchase of more ocean-going steamers from trans-Atlantic lines.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 15.—The story that H. M. S. Grafton returned to Esquimalt in connection with the Russian cruiser Lena incident is entirely without foundation. She was due on Monday and arrived Tuesday. She came down at half speed and remains here till after the fall show.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15.—A reinspection of the Russian cruiser

RUSSIAN COMMANDER ASKS PERMISSION TO DISARM HIS VESSEL AT SAN FRANCISCO—MERICAN WARSHIP PATROLS THE PACIFIC COAST

Lena by the naval engineers was resumed this morning. The task is expected to be finished this evening. A report will be sent to Washington and the order as to the disposition of the vessel may be issued tomorrow morning. In the meantime the commander of the Lena is likely to receive permission from St. Petersburg to dismantle.

The cruiser Boston steamed out to sea this morning. It was given out that her trip was without significance, but it is generally believed that she is going to patrol the coast.

Attorney Craven this morning before Police Judge George when the case came up for a preliminary hearing. Rice, the prosecuting witness, failed to appear. His relatives say they do not know where he has gone. Officials handling the case have tried to locate him, but with ill success. Rice left his home, at 719 Pike street, on the evening of September 5. He has not been seen or heard of since that time. He had only 50 cents in money with him when he left his home. These facts came out when the case was called September 9.

"That the case has been settled outside of court and the money or, undoubtedly, more than was stolen from his by Marshal Klein returned, and an agreement obtained to drop the prosecution of Klein, is apparent," stated an official this morning. "I regard this a dastardly outrage on the community and its influence will be far reaching and lasting in its effects. I cannot say that the prosecuting witness can be blamed in this matter, as I am nearly certain that he was influenced and probably intimidated after he received the money to leave the city, never to return."

"This matter of bribery and intimidation is going too far when it seeks to protect criminals such as Klein has appeared to be through the trend of circumstances coming up in this farcical prosecution. I talk this way to you as I am familiar with all the facts in the case against Klein and I know that other cases of like nature preferred against him were dropped and by a similar process."

Judge George, when approached on the turn the case had taken, expressed himself as being very much dissatisfied with the result. "Of course I am presiding here as a trial judge and I am bound to render my decision according to the facts brought before me. I do believe that had the case been given its hearing today that the prosecution would have been strong even though circumstantial as it was. I am not in sympathy with such treatment of criminal matters."

At the police station it has been ascertained that no record has been made of Rice's strange actions. After a few days had elapsed the case was apparently overlooked by all concerned. The reflections fall on the officials of the city of Seattle and the innocent must suffer with

POSSIBLE CLUE TO KIRKLAND MYSTERY

The skeleton of a man found luried in a shallow grave three miles from Kirkland last Tuesday afternoon by Orin Blood, a timber cruiser of that place, is still unidentified. Several people have been called to identify the body, but find it impossible to do so on account of the absence of any flesh. The murder theory is gaining ground as additional facts come to light.

Coroner Howe stated this morning that he is quite positive that the man was murdered. "I have notified the sheriff's office of the facts in the case, but will not hold any inquest, as my investigation has not uncovered anything that might be of use to identify the murdered man or give a clue as to who committed the murder. It is an exceptional case, but we had a similar one about a year ago and only a few miles from where this body was found. The two cases are nearly identical, with the exception that in the first case the body had not been exposed to the elements so long a time."

Judge W. H. White, a justice of the peace of Redmond, thinks that

NIGHT MARSHAL KLEIN DISMISSED

The case of Night Marshal Klein of Georgetown, accused of grand larceny by I. B. Rice, of this city, who claims that Klein drugged and

robbed him of over \$160 in a Georgetown dive, was dismissed for lack of prosecution. A motion to dismiss was made by Assistant Prosecuting

FREEDOM FOR KING

If Chief of Police Delaney and his men have anything more than a mere suspicion against John King, the "yegg man," it is up to them to make it public. Their illegal imprisonment of the alleged kidnaper, Prestit Baker, must be discontinued further violation of King's constitutional rights and within a brief time the unlucky tramp will be released from his dungeon on a writ of habeas corpus.

A petition for the writ was filed on King's behalf this afternoon by R. W. Emerson, of The Star editorial staff. Mr. Emerson tried in vain to obtain an interview with King several days ago and this fact is set forth in the petition for the writ, which Judge Tallman will probably issue before court adjourns this evening. The other facts in the petition are those given by The Star yesterday.

The Star's action in the King case is not taken out of sympathy for King, personally, nor in the belief that he is not a criminal, but merely on the broad ground that mere imprisonment is contrary to law and a crime against humanity and decency.

That the court will grant King his freedom is practically certain. Up to a late hour this afternoon Chief Delaney had made no move toward filing a formal charge against the alleged kidnaper, and there is no reason to believe he will do so. He must therefore allow the court to order the prisoner released. King's liberty, however, will be short lived. The Star was today informed that the federal officials had determined to file a charge against him for the robbery of a postoffice

in Whatcom county more than a year ago and have had an understanding with Chief Delaney that they were to be given custody of King in case of his release. By the federal officials, however, King will be allowed to plead to some definite charge and will be allowed to give bail if he is able to do so. Furthermore, he will be confined in decent quarters pending a hearing.

BULLETIN.—The writ of habeas corpus for the release of King was granted by Superior Judge Tallman at 3 o'clock this afternoon. It was made returnable Saturday morning.

ANARCHIST ARRESTED

MADRID, Sept. 15.—The police today arrested the well known and dangerous anarchist Flores, who arrived from Paris for the purpose of assassinating Premier Maura. Ten dynamite cartridges and compromising documents were found on his person.

SPOKANE, Sept. 15.—William Hoffman, a discarded lover, killed Mrs. Henry Hoff of Green Bluff, a bride of two days, and then killed himself. John Hall of Lockwood killed Mrs. Sparty and then shot himself. They had quarreled.

she will probably sail 26 miles west in order to ascertain whether Russian or Japanese warships are in the vicinity.

Admiral Barclay, of the Puget Sound navy yard, stated to The Star this afternoon through Chief Clerk Forbes that no orders had as yet been received for the departure of any of the vessels now at Bremerton. Whether or not any such orders would be received Admiral Barclay could not say, but in case additional cruisers were required for a coast patrol Bremerton would probably be called upon, as a number of the best boats in the navy are now in the harbor there.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—The state department makes the announcement that the president today issued an order through the acting secretary of state, directing that the Russian cruiser Lena be taken in custody by naval authorities and be disarmed.

The conditions are that the Lena shall be taken to the Mare Island yard and disarmed by the removal of small guns, the breach blocks of large guns, the small arms, ammunition, ordnance stores and such other dismantlement as may be prescribed by the commandant; that the captain give a written guarantee that the Lena will not leave San Francisco until peace is concluded, and that the officers and crew shall be paroled.

The crew will not leave San Francisco until an agreement is reached between the two belligerents. After the disarmament of the vessel she may be removed to a private dock for repairs to make her seaworthy, or may be repaired at the navy yard, if the commander elects. While at a private dock the commandant at Mare Island shall have custody of the ship.

This action was taken on the request of the commander of the Lena. The secretary of the navy has wired the president's orders to San Francisco and has given instructions to Admiral Goodrich and Captain McCalla to carry out the provisions.

the guilty who have permitted such a procedure to take place.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Craven said this morning: "I am disappointed and offended by the turn in a case where I had reason to believe there was good grounds for an ultimate conviction. But what could I do? Rice has insisted that we've tried to hunt him up. There was nothing to do but dismiss the case when it came up for its preliminary hearing this morning, which I did, feeling that the witness had been tampered with. However, I prefer not to make any broad statement of what I believe took place."

Attorney S. M. Shipley, handling the case for Marshal Klein, claims to be as mystified about the disappearance of Rice as anybody, and stated this morning that he had all his witnesses on hand and was anxious to go on with the hearing.

FIRE

HALIFAX, N. S., IS BEING SWEEPED BY FIERCE BLAZE

HALIFAX, N. S., Sept. 15.—A terrific fire, fanned by a 50-mile gale, is raging along the water front in the center of the city. Half a dozen large warehouses are in flames. The wharves are lined with shipping. It is feared the loss will be heavy. All plant warehouses and offices are afire. The flames are rapidly spreading north and south. The entire department is fighting the fire. Assistance from Dartmouth has been requested.

The imperial troops have been called out, also the army fire brigade of 2,000 men, who will work with fire buckets and hand engines. The government warehouses are endangered. The firemen seem powerless to check the flames. It is reported that six men have been cut off in the Dominion Coal company's warehouse.

ROASTED

COLUMBIA, Ky., Sept. 15.—Five children of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sapp, were burned to death this morning, when the residence was destroyed. The parents were badly burned in trying to save their children. They may die.

(By Scripps News Ass'n.) OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 15.—The State Liquor Dealers' association met in convention at 1:30 this afternoon, with 100 delegates present.

STRIKERS SUFFER

(By Scripps News Ass'n.) CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—No more than 250 strikers found work at the packing plants today. The police were compelled to clear the yards of crowds seeking work. As a result of a new arrangement of hours whereby the butchers will work full time, it is estimated the force at the yards will be reduced by 5,000. It is thought 10,000 stockyard workers will be out of work this winter, as a result of the strike.

DES MOINES, Ia., Sept. 15.—The five bandits who robbed the Rock Island express near Letts on Tuesday have been located near Winfield, a town near the scene of the hold-up.

A special train carrying a heavily armed posse is on the way from Muscatine. The robbers were found hiding in a haystack. They are heavily armed.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 15.—A dispatch has reached here that detectives have one or more of the Canadian Pacific train robbers surrounded in a deserted cabin near Lynden, Wash.