

OUT FROM THE SHADOWS COMES A HAND FILLED WITH GAMBLERS' COINS

These Are Thrown to the City Treasurer and Then the Hand Disappears and a Mantle of Mystery Once More Settles Down Over City Hall-- But the Hand Keeps Busy

The city's revenues from gamblers and slot machine men are being collected as usual this month under the mask of absolute secrecy.

It is a case of not letting the right hand know what the left hand does.

Nobody can tell how much the gamblers are compelled to hand over to the police in the shape of "fines" except the managers of the city hall syndicate and the persons who pay the money. The latter, being violators of certain laws, cannot say anything, even if the screws are tightened upon them and much good money squeezed out.

Whether the city treasury ever sees 100 per cent of all the "fines" or whether it ever sees 50 per cent,

is a question that no one can authoritatively answer except those on the "inside."

All that the taxpayers and citizens generally can see is a mysterious HAND reaching out of the darkness of the city hall with its fingers clutching a lot of coins, which are dropped into the city treasury. Then the HAND vanishes as mysteriously as it appeared.

Nobody knows whether the HAND held ALL of the month's collections from the gamblers and slot machine men. The HAND keeps no books for the public.

In view of this condition, the only thing that can be done to reach conclusions is to dig up some data for comparison.

How Tacoma Did in 1901-02.

When Tacoma was an open town in 1901 and 1902, before the state

law was passed making gambling a felony, there were in operation a smaller number of gambling dens than there are now. The gamblers then paid monthly stipulated amounts into the city treasury, and when the payment of such fines was made the entry was made in the cash book in the police court and the real name of the gambler was placed opposite the amount.

There was No Secrecy. The collection of every slot machine fine was done in the same exact manner, enabling every gambler and every slot machine operator to know just what sum his neighbor was paying, and thus blocking the way for any possible discrimination or boodling on the part of the police.

Quite a Difference. The amount collected under the system when carried on aboveboard, as compared with the sum usually turned in by the present administration, shows a big difference. In December, 1902, when fewer gambling houses, but about the same number of slot machines were in operation, the fines aggregated \$5,236. In January, 1903, when the city quit licensing prostitution, the amount derived from the other "open town" sources was \$3,940.

Chief Malony's System. But in July, 1904, under Chief Malony's system, the amount collected from gamblers, slot machine men and fallen women was only \$3,770. Of this amount, \$1,090 was derived from women, leaving \$2,680 as the sum contributed by the ten or more gamblers and the hundred or more money-paying slot machines.

A Costly Protection. Under Malony's system the gam-

bler is protected under the guise of a fictitious name, but for this privilege he surrenders the right, or the opportunity at least, to know that he is not contributing more than his proportionate amount.

Collections for August.

The fines collected thus far this month aggregate about \$2,000. Of this total, \$730 has been derived from disorderly women, while the remaining \$1,270 has been paid in by gamblers and operators of money-paying slot machines, all under assumed names, as follows:

"John D. Morris"	\$300
"Warren Smith"	\$300
"C. Cornish"	\$150
"L. Johnson"	\$25
"Sam Smith"	\$200
"J. M. McCarthy"	\$35
"James Barrett"	\$210

HEIR TO THRONE IS OFFICIALLY NAMED--ALL RUSSIA CELEBRATES

Elaborate Ceremonies Witnessed by Royalty of Europe--Czar Honors the Occasion by Conferring Titles and Proclaiming Reforms

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 24.—With pomp and ceremony the heir to the Russian throne was baptized in the palace church at Peterhof today. The assemblage of diplomats and royalties which witnessed the ceremony was a brilliant one.

The child was anointed and immersed in holy water by the metropolitan of St. Petersburg.

After the ceremony the manifesto of the czar on the birth of his son was published. The manifesto abolishes corporal punishment among the rural classes and also for first offenses among the sea and land forces; sets apart \$1,500,000 from the state funds for the purpose of forming an inalienable fund for the benefit of landless people of Finland; grants amnesty to those Finlanders who have emigrated without authority, and remits the fines imposed upon the rural and urban communities of Finland.

In honor of the christening the

czar conferred a number of orders. The Order of the White Eagle was conferred on M. DeWitte and the insignia of Alexander Nevsky on Count Lamsdorff, minister of foreign affairs. M. Yermoloff was made minister of agriculture, M. Muraviev, minister of justice, and the present minister of public works and railways, M. Kilkoff, was appointed secretary of state.

A Royal Procession.

The imperial party, in gilded coach drawn by eight horses, preceded by an escort of hussars and Cossacks, went from the Alexandria palace to the Peterhof. In the procession to the church were the emperor, the dowager empress, Prince Henry of Prussia, Prince Lokos of Battenburg, representing the godfather of the baby, Emperor William, King Edward and the members of the royal household.

After the baptism the emperor bestowed upon his son the insignia of the Order of St. Andrew.

The ringing of bells and a salute

of 301 guns announced the completion of the ceremonies. A state luncheon followed at the Peterhof palace. The city is beautifully decorated and will be illuminated to-night.

The health of the czarina and the czarewitch is excellent.

NEW YORK JUDGE ESCAPES BONDAGE

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 24.—Judge McKeon of New York, who is said to have been kidnaped several weeks ago and carried to California for ransom, arrived here this morning to visit his sister. He is still in a nervous condition as a result of his captivity.

Judge McKeon says he will proceed against the kidnapers when he reaches New York.

BRITISH STATESMAN TO VISIT ROOSEVELT

LONDON, Aug. 24.—It was announced today that the Rt. Hon. John Morley, a liberal member of parliament, will accompany Andrew Carnegie to America in October. Morley will visit President Roosevelt.

PACKERS SCORE A POINT OVER STRIKERS

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—Judge Brentano this morning granted the application of the packers for an injunction restraining the city from enforcing the order for the evacuation of the stockyard buildings now being used for housing the strike breakers. In granting the application the court said the injunction is issued in the interests of peace, business interests and good order, as if the men were required to leave the yards every night riots would result.

COTTON FIRM GOES UNDER

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—The failure of Page & Co., prominent members of the New Orleans and New York cotton exchanges, was announced this morning. It is said that the firm was caught on the short side of the market.

WINNER IS A BRITISH GIRL

In the contest for queen of the Seattle labor carnival the British Columbia girls proved to be the best vote getters. When the contest closed last night Miss Carey of Vancouver was in first place, with 7,584 votes, and Miss Garnier, also of Vancouver, was second, with 6,870 votes to her credit. Miss Bonner, Tacoma's candidate, went to sixth place with 3,197 votes. Mrs. Mason, "the only woman shingle weaver in Washington," had 3,447 votes.

WANTS \$65,843 TO FIGHT FIRES

Fire Chief McAlevy has completed the estimate of the cost of running the Tacoma fire department during the next fiscal year. The amount named is \$65,843. The estimate has already been filed with the city controller, who is receiving like figures from other heads of city departments, which will be used as a basis on which to make the tax levy for next year.

The estimate furnished by the fire chief last year amounted to \$116,

Armour's Glue Plant Burned.

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—The Armour company's glue plant, north of the stockyards, was destroyed by fire early this morning. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

The police say the fire was caused by spontaneous combustion.

480. This amount included \$45,000 for a new fireboat, leaving \$71,480 to run the department.

In speaking of the estimate made this year, Chief McAlevy said: "I have made the estimate as low as possible. If one dollar is cut off the estimate by the council it will be felt. I have figured the salaries of the men at just the same rate as last year—\$7,600—and the feed and supplies also the same. The only additional expense involved in my estimate is \$900 for an extra fireman for South Tacoma and \$1,200 for new horses."

Estimates have also been filed with the city controller, building inspector, health department and city clerk, but these are all small and about the same as last year.

The largest estimate will be that of the commissioner of public works. This will include the expenses of the engineering department, water and light, bridges, sewers and street improvements. Commissioner Welsh is preparing the estimate and will have it completed in a few days.

SMALL VESSELS HAD MANY CLOSE CALLS

The heaviest bank of fog that has been seen in Tacoma during the past two years settled down over the harbor early this morning, and did not lift until 10 o'clock. Many of the small boats narrowly averted collisions when the fog was the thickest.

The Norwood, in making her first trip from Quartermas harbor, got off the regular course after rounding the point, and unable to get her bearings until the St. Paul mill dock was sighted.

A raft of logs in the bay, under tow of a tugboat when the fog was at its height, aided in making things more disagreeable and dangerous.

BLOW AIMED AT THE OPEN SALOON

BELLINGHAM, Aug. 24.—The first "coffee club" to be established in the state of Washington was opened here yesterday. It is a part of a movement begun in England and which is taking root in this country, the object being to counteract the influence of the saloon. It provides a place to eat at reasonable prices and facilities for reading, the latter being an important feature.

The officers and directors are all prominent Bellingham people. A similar club will soon be organized at Blaine.

BATTLESHIP HITS SUBMARINE MINE

Big Sebastopol Rendered Helpless--Japs Silence Enemy's Guns Near Port Arthur

(BULLETIN.)

CHEFOO, Aug. 24.—It is reported here that the Japanese armored cruisers Nissin and Kasuga bombarded and silenced the Russian forts east of Gold hill, at the entrance of Port Arthur, today.

BATTLESHIP SEBASTOPOL HITS SUBMARINE MINE

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The Japanese legation today issued a report from the commander of the Japanese torpedo boat destroyer Asashio, which states that while the Russian battle-

ship Sebastopol was bombarding the Japanese land position in the outer harbor of Port Arthur yesterday she struck a mine. She immediately listed and her bows became submerged. Assistance was sent to her and she was towed inside the harbor.

China Stoops to Russia.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 24.—The state department this morning received a cablegram from Consul General Goodnow at Shanghai, stating that the Chinese foreign office has extended the time for the completion of the repairs to the Russian battleship Askold to August 28.

SENATOR HOAR IS SLIGHTLY BETTER

WORCESTER, Mass., Aug. 24.—Senator Hoar spent a comfortable night. The trouble in his throat and lungs has entirely disappeared, but he is still very weak and shows no increase of strength.

TIMBER FIRES STILL BURNING

Two new fires came under the notice of Fire Warden Thompson today. One is about five miles south of Puyallup and has been burning since last Friday. It is among the standing timber now, but unless a high wind comes no serious danger threatens. Mr. Thompson left for Puyallup today to look after it.

was that the damage would be limited, although the fire is still burning.

THREATENS TO CLOSE FACTORIES

The sewer at the head of the bay is still causing trouble. The culvert put in by the Northern Pacific afforded temporary relief, but conditions now are about as bad as ever and are causing the gravest alarm.

Closing the outlet to the East Side trunk sewer by filling in the tide-flats is causing the contents of the sewer to overflow, and so far no definite steps have been taken to prevent it. This condition was the cause of a second appeal by representatives of East Side manufacturing establishments to the streets and alleys committee yesterday for relief. The situation has become so serious that unless the city takes immediate steps to remove the difficulty some of the factories may be compelled to shut down temporarily and several hundred men will be thrown out of employment. Another cause for

MURDERERS HANG

ROLLING FORK, Miss., Aug. 24.—David Fields and Albert Davis, colored, were publicly hanged here today for wife murder.

FORTY INJURED IN A COLLISION

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 24.—Between 35 and 40 persons were injured, some perhaps fatally, in a head-on collision between two trolley cars on the Rochester & Eastern railway at 10 o'clock this morning. Ambulances and physicians have been sent from here.

VICTIM OF "BLACK HAND" MURDERER

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Salvatore Bossoto, aged 18, was shot to death today in his father's restaurant on Park street by Carlo Rossatti, aged 35, because he had disclosed to the police secrets of the alleged "Black Hand" society.

The boys' father was knocked

down and choked by the murderer, who was pursued by a mob of a thousand Italians. The mob later attacked the police station in an attempt to get at Rossatti.

It is understood that Bossoto reveals plans to murder and rob a party of their countrymen on the way to Italy.

DRAWS \$5,000 LAND PRIZE

ST. PAUL, Aug. 24.—The drawing of land in the Totten reserve began this morning at Devils' Lake in the presence of a big crowd. The first allotment, valued at \$5,000, was drawn by Bruce Warren, a forest ranger of North Dakota.

SLIGHT ACCIDENT CAUSED DEATH

John Martin died yesterday at the Fannie Padlock hospital of blood poisoning. While at work on his ranch near Olalla, Martin cut his foot slightly with an axe, about eight weeks ago. The wound healed up, but afterwards broke out and he came to the hospital for treatment.

By that time the poison had gotten so firm a hold for the doctors to check it and his death resulted.

"Jack" Martin was well and favorably known in Tacoma, as he had been a member of the police force for 14 years, having severed his connection with that body only a couple of months ago. He was one of the most efficient men on the force and distinguished himself on several occasions by his bravery. He was 53 years of age.

The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Hoska's chapel on St. Helens avenue. Interment will be in Tacoma cemetery.

Deceased leaves a wife, to whom he was married only a few weeks ago.

PROMISED BILLY THEY'D BE GOOD

The four linemen who incurred the displeasure of Commissioner Welsh and incidentally lost their jobs by playing cards at the city hall during working hours, are to have another chance. They said they would be good and have been put on the city payroll again.

TRUSTEE APPOINTED FOR BENEFIT FUND

The receipts from the benefit baseball game for Fravola, \$133, were yesterday placed in the hands of W. E. Bliven, president of the Lumbermen's National bank. Mr. Bliven has consented to act as trustee of the fund and will hand the money over to Mrs. Alsop as needed.

MASKED MEN SECURE \$5,000

PATERSON, N. J., Aug. 24.—Paymaster O'Rourke, of a construction company, was held up and robbed of \$5,000 by four masked men on a road near here today.

PERMIT IS ISSUED FOR BIG FLOUR MILL

Two building permits were issued today for the flour mill to be erected by the Sperry Flour Mill company and the Tacoma Warehouse & Elevator company on the waterfront. The cost of the improvement will be \$20,000.

The main building will be of wood, five stories high. The estimated cost is \$24,000. The boiler house will be of brick and will cost \$6,000.

RETURNS WITHOUT HIS PRISONERS

Chief of Police Malony returned from Vancouver last night without Horace Gates and Gerlie Johnson, the alleged abductors of Miss Norma Hoyt of this city. Gates and his woman pal refused to come back to face the charge placed against them, and it will now be necessary to secure extradition papers before they can be brought here.

The Vancouver officers, however, have a charge against Gates for having burglar's tools in his possession, and he will probably be held for trial there before he is turned over to the local police.

Mrs. Hoyt and her daughter will arrive here Thursday and Detective Smith will accompany them.

THREE CONTRACTS TO BE LET THIS WEEK

Four street improvement contracts will be awarded by the commissioner of public works this week. The total estimated cost of the improvements is \$93,850.

Tomorrow morning bids will be received for the construction of cement sidewalks in local improvement district No. 39. This is known as the D street district and the estimate of the cost is \$19,241.

Bids will be received Friday for the construction of cement sidewalks on E street, in local improvement district No. 76. The estimated cost is \$21,301.

On Saturday two contracts will be let. Bids will be received for the

construction of cement sidewalks on North Thirty-first street, at an estimated cost of \$51,750, and for the grading of South Eighth street between Junett and Lawrence streets, at an estimated cost of \$2,148.

MAYBRICK GOES TO THE COUNTRY

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Mrs. Maybrick left the Holland house at 11:20 o'clock this morning and took a West Shore train for Kingston. From there she will go to Ellenville, where she will remain until called upon to testify in the suit involving property in West Virginia. Mrs. Maybrick was accompanied by Dr. Emma Densmore.

CHADWICK BACK FROM TANGIER

LONDON, Aug. 24.—A telegram to the Central News announces the arrival at Cape Town of the American squadron under Admiral Chadwick, from Tangier.

WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF MEAT

The consignment of salmon brought here by the Ellihu Thomson Monday night was the largest shipment received here this season. It came from the Pacific Gold Storage company's canning factory at Takit harbor and will be shipped to all parts of the United States. Though the salmon run has been unusually light this year, the Taku factory has put up the usual pack.

CHICKEN CASE IS POSTPONED

The case against John B. Peterson, who was arrested yesterday on a warrant charging him with allowing his chickens to run at large, was continued this afternoon in Judge Griffin's court to September 8. Peterson lives in South Tacoma and the warrant was sworn to by one of his neighbors, named Dolman.