# MASKED BANDIT HOLDS UP CREW

## STREET CAR CONDUCTOR IS ROBBED OF $25

### FIVE SHOTS FIRED AT FLEEING THUG

### Deed Takes Place at End of Line When Highwayman Surprises Two in Charge of Car

A masked robber held up Motorman J. D. Owens and Conductor George Pierson of car No. 150 of the West Sixth street line of the Los Angeles Interurban Railroad company, at Sixth and Berendo streets, at 11:30 o'clock last night, and obtained $25 from Pierson. As the highwayman leaped from the car Motorman Owens left the controller, ran to the rear end of the car and fired five shots at the fleeing man.

The holdup took place just after the car crew had turned the trolley at the end of the line at Berendo street. Motorman Owens was adjusting his controller and preparing for the trip into town, and Pierson was at the rear of the car placing the end lights. At this moment the robber boarded the car. He was not wearing a mask at that time, and walked to the front end as if to take a seat in the open part of the car. Owens turned, looked at him, and thinking the man simply a passenger, paid no further attention to him.

**Pierson Faces Revolver**

Pierson in the meantime had adjusted the red lights at the rear of the car and was within several feet of the motorman when the lone highwayman, with a white handkerchief tied across the lower part of his face, shoved a revolver in the face of Pierson and commanded him to throw up his hands. The motorman complied, and turning to the conductor the robber commanded the latter to hold up his hands and stand near Owens.

When he had the two men lined up the robber, after cursing both men, turned his attention to Pierson and took $20 from his pockets. The robber then took the nickels from the changer strapped about the waist of the carman. Apparently satisfied with his work, the highwayman did not molest Owens, but commanded the latter to start the car at once and to go ahead at full speed.

**Motorman Fires at Robber**

After the car was under headway the man leaped off the steps after riding about twenty-five feet, and ran toward some bushes at the sidewalk. Owens, who was armed with a revolver, ran to the rear of the car and fired five times at the robber, who was partly visible behind the shrubbery.

The highwayman is described as being about 27 or 30 years old, 8 feet 8 inches in height, and weighing 135 to 140 pounds. He wore a brown slouch hat and a suit of dark mixed material.

The matter was reported to the police shortly after the arrival of the car at the Pacific Electric station, and detectives are working on the case.

# DADDY GIP LOSES UNDER POOR RIDE

## SELDEN FAILS WITH FAVORITE IN HANDICAP

### Chester Krum Cops Feature at Oakland—Bit of Fortune Next in Line—Sir John Disappoints

OAKLAND, March 11.—Daddy Gip was plunged on to win the Lorin handicap at Emeryville today, but Selden rode him badly and he finished third. Chester Krum won easily from Bit of Fortune. Sir John was another favorite to disappoint, Aks-Ar-Ben winning from Onatassa and Homeless. Results:

Frst race, Futurity course, selling—Passenger, 111 (Rice), won; Tremargo, 127 (Kennedy), second; Beda, 111 (Taplin), third. Time 1:12. Metropolitan, Calopius, Juan, Father Stafford, Woodlander, Burleigh, Milpitas and Clara Sal also ran.

Second race, three and a half furlongs, selling—Vague, 106 (Kennedy), won; Winona Winter, 98 (Martin), second; Jim Basey, 98 (Gargan), third. Time :42. Burbur, Ritta, Robert Hurst, Dacia, Helen Hawkins and Acadamist also ran.

Third race, one and three-sixteenth miles, selling—Aks-ar-Ben, 103 (Coburn), won; Onatassa, 99 (Glass), second; Homeless, 91 (Miller), third. Time 2:01. Sir John, Desperado and Miss Officious also ran.

Fourth race, six furlongs, Lorin handicap—Chester Krum, 102 (Taplin), won; Bit of Fortune, 99 (Thomas), second; Daddy Gip, 102 (Selden), third. Time 1:13 4-5. Lewiston also ran.

Fifth race, one mile and seventy yards, selling—Gretchen G., 103 (Martin), won; Creston, 106 (Miller), second; Glennadeane, 88 (Gargan), third. Time 1:43. Coppers, Dr. Downie, J. R. Laughrey, Contra Costa, Rubric, Matchtulla, J. C. Clem and Wicket also ran.

Sixth race, six furlongs—Roberta, 97 (Martin), won; Emma G., 108 (Gargan), second; Ornate, 102 (Vosper), third. Time 1:15 1-5. Helen Carroll, Biskra, Velma C., Bellflower, Annie Wells, Salomy Jane, Regina Arvi, Netting and Lena Lech also ran.

**EMERYVILLE ENTRIES**

First race, six furlongs, selling—St. Francis, Ellerd, Ampedo, 114; French Cook, Argonaut, 110; Faneuil Hall, 107; Hush Money, 111; Jim Cafferata, 95; Lady Renasselaer, 105; Rey el Tovar, 98; Silk, 93; *Acquia, 100.

Second race, four furlongs, 2-year-olds, purse—Ravelston II, 89; Zwick, 102; Kormak, 107; Helen Barbee, 104; Dun Campbell, 112; Cluny, 109.

Third race, Futurity course, selling—Dr. Dougherty, 101; *Lady Panchita, El Paso, 90; Spohn, 108; Sewell, 113; Madeline Musgrave, 92; Kid North, 85; Beauman, 103; Orello, 115; Mollie Montrose, 96.

Fourth race, one mile, Petaluma handicap—Fort Johnson, 115; Bubbling Water, 112; Right Easy, 108; Jim Gaffney, 103; Johnny Lyons, 90; Orbicular, 105; Silver Knight, Arasee, 106; Raleigh, 98.

Fifth race, mile and seventy yards, selling—Ed Ball, 112; Bishop W., 107; Round and Round, 105; *Edwin T. Fryer, 102; Sepulveda, 89; Whidden, Follie L., 100.

Sixth race, five and a half furlongs, purse—Rey Hindoo, 107; Myles O'Connell, 102; Port Mahoney, 104; Phil Mohr, W. V. Brumby, 99; Sal Atticum, Fancy, 102; John H. Sheehan, 114; Galvesca, 97. *Aprentice allowance.

# ST. LOUIS IS AWARDED 1911 BOWLING TOURNAMENT

DETROIT, March 11.—St. Louis was awarded the 1911 tournament and the old list of officers and members of the executive committee, with a few exceptions, were re-elected at the annual meeting of the American Bowling congress today. On the alleys the day passed without a change in the leadership of any of the three squads. In the individual event Nick Hess of Aurora, Ill., was the star. He tied Max Drossman of Detroit and John Kolde of Cincinnati for sixth place with 641.

# News of the Waterfront

SAN PEDRO, March 11.—Arrived: Steam schooner Fair Oaks, from Grays Harbor direct; steam schooner James S. Higgins, from Fort Bragg via San Francisco and Redondo; steam schooner Mandalay, from San Diego; steam schooner Bee, from Mukilteo; steam schooner Westerner, from Grays Harbor; steam schooner Alcatraz, from Greenwood.

Sailed: Steam schooner Mandalay, for Crescent City via San Francisco; steam schooner Redondo, for Coos Bay via Redondo.

**Many Windjammers on Way**

Sailings from northern ports yesterday have increased the number of windjammers on the way to this port with lumber cargoes to fifteen. Of this fleet two are the barkentine John C. Meyer, from Grays Harbor, and the Arago, from Columbia river. The remainder are the schooners Oceana Vance, from Coos Bay; Golden Shore, Ludlow, William Olsen, Edward R. West and Comet, from Grays Harbor; Fred E. Sanders, Bangor, Ethel Zane, Fred J. Wood, Salem, Mahuscona and Fearless, from Puget Sound, and Irene, from Portland.

The windjammers mean business for the water front business house. Five times as much money is drawn on the owners of sailing vessels by the skippers in port here as is drawn for the expenses of steam schooners. The expense of a sailing vessel here are about $1000 a trip. Sailors receive their pay in port, while the men on steam schooners, most of which are owned at the Bay City metropolis, are paid at San Francisco.

The departure of the schooner W. F. Jewett for Columbia river tomorrow to reload ties for the Southern Pacific leaves but one sailing vessel now in port. There were fourteen three weeks ago.

**Panama Line Would Open Markets**

The Pacific coast could contribute much toward making a steamship line to Panama pay permanently if the government would also establish a station for bidding on supplies for the canal zone, according to James S. Goldsmith, manager for Schwabacher's at Seattle.

"The government maintains an efficient service between New York and the isthmus," said he, "by reason of which practically all the supplies used in the construction of the Panama canal and for the sustenance of the employes are purchased on the Atlantic seaboard, to the exclusion of the producers and merchants on the Pacific coast. We should be allowed to bid on supplies, because it would be to the advantage of the government in helping to maintain a steamship line as well as to the advantage of producers and merchants on the coast."

California and other coast states are now exporting to Europe via the Tehauntepec line much dried fruit and other products. Beside these, dairy and poultry products, as well as other produce, could be shipped from this coast as cheaply as from the Atlantic.

**Redwood Companies May Organize**

Efforts are being made to organize the executive heads of the selling departments of the lumber companies engaged in handling redwood whereby the selling price may be raised from $3 to $4 per thousand feet, says a dispatch from Eureka.

It is claimed that the redwood companies have been selling at a loss for three years, while the pine lumbermen have not only been making money through their organization, but have been invading the field of the redwood dealers in Southern California.

**Miscellaneous Notes**

The steamer James S. Higgins, Captain Higgins, arrived today from Fort Bragg via San Francisco and Redondo Beach with a partial cargo of lumber for the Consolidated Lumber company at Wilmington.

The steamer Westerner, Captain Kelly, arrived today and is discharging 750,000 feet of lumber loaded at Grays Harbor.

The steamer Bee, Captain Sorrensen, arrived today from Mukilteo with 750,000 feet of lumber for the Consolidated Lumber company at Wilmington. Captain Wyman, late master of the steamer Wasp, took command of the Bee today, and Captain Sorrensen will go north to take command of the Wasp.

The steamer Mandalay, Captain Lofstrom, called for passengers and fuel today on the way from San Diego to Fort Bragg via San Francisco.

The steamer Alcatraz, Captain Winkel, arrived today from Greenwood with 300,000 feet of lumber for various wholesalers.

The steamer Fair Oaks, Captain Johnson, arrived today from Grays Harbor and is discharging 800,000 feet of lumber.

The steamer Shasta, Captain Hansen, sailed today for Columbia river to reload lumber for the E. K. Wood Lumber company.

The steamer Excelsior, Captain Nason, will sail tomorrow for Coos Bay to reload lumber.

The steamer Delhi is loading lumber at Tacoma for San Pedro.

The steamer Francis H. Leggett, now loading at Eureka for a return trip to San Pedro, had a long passage up the coast and did not arrive until Wednesday. All northbound vessels off the Mendocino coast were delayed by a heavy northwester.

When the steamer Governor was leaving the Southern Pacific wharf last night her anchor hanging on the bow carried away the windlass to the freight slips, damaging them to the amount of $125.

The steamer Tahoe sailed tonight for Redondo Beach to discharge a partial cargo of lumber loaded at Willipa.

The gasoline schooner Santa Rosa Island arrived today from San Maguel island with 800 head of sheep, and will return tomorrow for a cargo of cattle. She sighted the Pacific cruisers at target practice in the Santa Barbara channel.

The tug Falcon sailed for Avalon today with a cargo of bailed hay.

**Movement of Steamers**

ARRIVE

Steamers carrying passengers are due from northern ports via San Francisco and from southern ports direct as follows:

| Steamer—From | Due. |
|---|---|
| Nome City, Portland | March 13 |
| Santa Barbara, Grays Harbor | March 14 |
| J. B. Steson, Portland | March 15 |
| Roanoke, Portland | March 13 |
| Hanalei, San Francisco | March 12 |
| Santa Rosa, San Francisco | March 12 |
| Santa Barbara, Grays Harbor | March 14 |
| Santa Rosa, San Diego | March 14 |
| Hanalei, San Francisco | March 18 |
| Queen, Seattle | March 15 |
| Queen, San Diego | March 17 |
| Hanalei, San Francisco | March 24 |
| Governor, Seattle | March 23 |
| Governor, San Diego | March 25 |
| George W. Elder, Portland | March 21 |
| Admiral Sampson, Seattle | March 22 |

DEPART

All northbound steamers call at San Francisco.

| Steamer—For | Sail. |
|---|---|
| Jas. S. Higgins, Fort Bragg | March 12 |
| Coronado, Gray's Harbor | March 12 |
| Yosemite, Portland | March 12 |
| George W. Elder, Portland | March 22 |
| Admiral Sampson | March 24 |
| Governor, San Diego | March 24 |
| Governor, Seattle | March 25 |
| George W. Elder, Portland | March 8 |
| Governor, San Diego | March 9 |
| Governor, Seattle | March 10 |
| Roanoke, Portland | March 15 |
| Hanalei, San Francisco | March 13 |
| Santa Rosa, San Diego | March 13 |
| Santa Rosa, San Francisco | March 14 |
| Hanalei, San Francisco | March 19 |
| Queen, San Diego | March 16 |
| Queen, Seattle | March 17 |
| Hanalei, San Francisco | March 24 |

**March Tide Table**

| | A.M. | P.M. | A.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| March 12 | 3:35 | 9:55 | 4:00 | 10:23 |
| | 0.6 | 5.4 | —0.1 | 5.7 |
| March 13 | 4:19 | 10:42 | 4:40 | 10:59 |
| | 0.1 | 5.9 | 0.5 | 5.7 |
| March 14 | 4:59 | 11:25 | 5:14 | 11:33 |
| | 0.4 | 5.3 | 1.2 | 5.6 |
| March 15 | 5:55 | 12:22 | 5:48 | .... |
| | 0.5 | 4.5 | 1.8 | .... |
| March 16 | 12:15 | 7:07 | 1:52 | 6:39 |
| | 5.5 | 0.6 | 3.6 | 2.6 |
| March 17 | 1:10 | 8:45 | 4:44 | 7:44 |
| | 5.3 | 0.7 | 3.4 | 3.0 |
| March 18 | 2:26 | 10:34 | 6:25 | 10:14 |
| | 5.1 | 0.5 | 3.8 | 3.2 |
| March 19 | 4:08 | 11:52 | 7:14 | 11:49 |
| | 5.1 | 0.1 | 4.2 | 2.8 |
| March 20 | 5:35 | 12:45 | 7:48 | .... |
| | 5.3 | —0.3 | 4.6 | .... |
| March 21 | 12:45 | 6:36 | 1:25 | 8:15 |
| | 2.4 | 5.6 | —0.5 | 4.9 |
| March 22 | 1:29 | 7:25 | 1:59 | 8:41 |
| | 2.0 | 5.8 | —0.4 | 5.1 |
| March 23 | 2:05 | 8:08 | 2:29 | 9:05 |
| | 1.6 | 5.9 | —0.2 | 5.4 |
| March 24 | 2:39 | 8:48 | 2:54 | 9:23 |
| | 1.3 | 5.8 | 0.1 | 5.4 |
| March 25 | 3:09 | 9:22 | 3:27 | 9:48 |
| | 1.1 | 5.6 | 0.5 | 5.5 |
| March 26 | 3:37 | 9:56 | 3:37 | 10:02 |
| | 1.0 | 5.2 | 0.9 | 5.4 |
| March 27 | 4:02 | 10:18 | 3:57 | 10:16 |
| | 1.0 | 4.9 | 1.2 | 5.4 |
| March 28 | 4:23 | 10:38 | 4:12 | 10:23 |
| | 1.0 | 4.5 | 1.5 | 5.4 |
| March 29 | 4:57 | 11:04 | 4:20 | 10:51 |
| | 0.9 | 4.0 | 1.9 | 5.3 |
| March 30 | 5:35 | 11:39 | 4:31 | 11:16 |
| | 1.0 | 3.6 | 2.2 | 5.2 |
| March 31 | 6:25 | 12:38 | 4:34 | 11:50 |
| | 1.2 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 5.0 |

**San Francisco Shipping**

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—Arrived: Steamer F. A. Kilburn, San Pedro; steamer Centralia, San Pedro; steamer Iaqua, San Diego.

Sailed: Steamer Santa Rosa, San Diego; steamer Hanalei, San Pedro; steamer Santa Barbara, San Pedro.

BOSTON—Arrived: Ivernia, Liverpool; Victorian, Liverpool.

VICTORIA, B. C.—The steamer Monteagle, which arrived from Hong Kong today, has been quarantined at William Head, one of the Chinese passengers having smallpox.

SYDNEY, N. S. W.—Arrived: Steamer Wadden, Vancouver.

NAPLES—Sailed: Cedric, New York.

GENOA—Sailed: Oceania, New York.

ANTWERP—Sailed: Steamer Idomenos, Seattle.

# TRAGEDY DUE TO MISTAKE; VICTIM'S RELATIVES SUE

### Claimed That Carelessness Caused an Arizona Tragedy Which Cost Seven Lives

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 11.—Three damage suits of $25,000 each were filed today against the Ray Consolidated Mines company as the result of an explosion on February 6 near Kelvin alongside the right of way of the Narrow Gauge railroad, owned by the company, in which seven men were blown to pieces. The suits were filed by Mrs. M. P. Griffin, mother of J. C. Griffin, of Phoenix, killed; W. J. Coleman, father of R. P. Coleman of Salt Lake City, killed, and Mr. Freeland, father of W. H. Freeland of Salt Lake City, killed.

The complaints were based on alleged new information. At the time of the explosion it was announced that the cause was misfired blasts planted in pursuance of widening the railroad grade. It is now claimed the blast was caused by ninety kegs of black powder, planted in a little tunnel in a hill near the track, and seemingly forgotten. Anyhow, the foreman who fired the blast knew nothing of any powder being stored, and finding a fuse at the tunnel supposed it was from a misfired shot. He touched off the fuse and the explosion which killed seven ensued.

**SLIGHT QUAKE RECORDED**

CLEVELAND, March 11.—The seismagraph at St. Ignatius college today showed a record of a slight earthquake lasting from 1:06 until 1:16 o'clock this morning. Father Odenbach, the observer, said the tremor was centered near Cleveland, probably in Indiana or Illinois.

**CHINESE ESCORT CALHOUN**

CHICAGO, March 11.—When W. J. Calhoun, minister to China, left Chicago last night en route to the orient, he was attended by an escort of four Chinese, assigned by the imperial government at Peking to look after his safety and comfort until he sets foot on Chinese soil.

**STRIKE BOOSTS COAL**

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—According to private cable dispatches from Australia, received here today, the long continued strike has been the principal cause of the sharp advance in the price of coal on the Pacific coast.

**THE GREAT, WIDE WORLD**

An old dweller in the hills of Arkansas who had lived all his life in one township recently took a trip to Little Rock, forty miles away, and was full of his subject on his return.

"'Y jing!" said he, voicing his impressions, "if this hyar world's as big crossways as hit is f'm hyar to Little Rock hit's shore a whopper!"—Success Magazine.

# MORGAN TO HEAD FOREIGN ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

### Accepts Invitation to Act as Honorary President of Organization Planning Italian Fete

ROME, March 11.—J. P. Morgan, the American financier, today accepted the invitation to act as the honorary president of the foreign committee of the Italian organization which is arranging for the celebration in 1911 of the fiftieth anniversary of the proclamation making Rome the capital of United Italy.

Mr. Morgan returned his acceptance in a cordial letter.

**EMBARRASSING TO HER**

A Milwaukee man and his wife recently received a call from an old friend whom they had not seen for years. Just before the three sat down to a little supper in the German style, the wife, seizing a favorable opportunity, whispered to her husband:

"We have only three bottles of beer in the house—just enough to go around. Don't ask him to have more."

"Very well," answered the husband, who chanced to be thinking of something else at the time.

Half an hour later the host, to his wife's consternation, asked the guest to take more beer. The invitation was politely declined, but still the host did not desist. A dozen times the caller was urged to drink; a dozen times he firmly refused.

When he had departed the wife took her husband to task. "What on earth made you persist so? Didn't I tell you there were only three bottles? Why did you insist upon his having more beer, more beer, more beer?"

"Mercy!" exclaimed the husband, "I forgot entirely."

"But," continued the wife, "why did you suppose I was kicking you under the table?"

"My dear," blandly replied the husband, "you didn't kick me!"—Lippincott's Magazine.

**"WHEN THIEVES FALL OUT"**

The plain fact is the Republican party must either reform itself or be put out of business. The first step is to repudiate all self-constituted leaders and to get back to the great ideal of Lincoln and give the country "a government of the people, by the people, and for the people." The country trusts President Taft. The thing for him to do is to plant himself squarely on that principle of Lincoln, scatter the mercenaries to the four points of the compass and appeal direct to the hearts and consciences of the great mass of the Republicans, who always have and always will respond to such an appeal.—Gazette.

Coming from one of the "mercenaries" just out of office, and who bossed things with an iron hand in the days of "Me, Mark and John," it almost takes one's breath. However, an honest confession is good for the soul. Still it must be awful hard on the postmaster partner.—Chillicothe (O.) News-Advertiser.

**'TWAS ALL**

Mr. Stockson Bonds—Did you give anything to charity last year?

Mr. Dustin Stax—Oh, yes. I attended the charity ball.

# SIX ACCUSED OF BIG LAND FRAUDS

## FEDERAL GRAND JURY ENDS PROBING CHARGES

### PRESIDENT OF OREGON LUMBER COMPANY IS DEFENDANT

### Conspiracy and Use of Dummy Entrymen Are Two Offenses Charged in the Indictments That Have Been Returned

[Associated Press]

PORTLAND, Oregon, March 11.—Names of all the persons accused and the charges in the indictment returned yesterday in connection with alleged land frauds in eastern Oregon by a grand jury in the United States district court were made public today.

Those indicted are David Eccles of Salt Lake City, president of the Oregon Lumber company and the Sumpter Valley Railroad company; Frank M. Shurtluff, Frederick H. Atkinson and William Green, all three of Baker City; Grant Geddes, manager of the two companies; Joseph Barton, assistant chief engineer of the railroad company, and James Smurthwaite, former bookkeeper of the lumber company.

Shurtluff, Atkinson and Green are supposed to have been employes of one or the other of the companies.

The indictment accused the indicted persons of having, during October, 1909, entered into a conspiracy to defraud the government of public land located in eastern Oregon. The indictments charge the alleged conspirators procured persons to enter and file upon timber land, and after the entrant had received his patent to cause to be deeded to the companies the land described in the patent.

The indictment charges that the entrants were paid sums ranging from $50 to $200 each.

At the time the present investigation was started in February last it was believed the last alleged overt act within the statute of limitations was the alleged purchase of a claim filed on by John Rafferty of Sumpter, Ore.

The statute of limitations, according to the federal authorities, would have expired on the day the indictment was returned. Pending, it is alleged, the investigation of the grand jury purchases of other claims subsequent to that of the Rafferty claim are asserted to have been discovered by the jury, and these alleged purchases also, it is stated, are made part of the indictment.

According to a report received here today Eccles is now on his way from Salt Lake City to Portland to surrender himself to the officials. Geddes, Barton and Smurthwaite were arrested yesterday, and today gave bonds of $5000 each.

Shurtluff, Atkinson and Green are said to be in the custody of the officials. They have not as yet appeared here.

# CARNEGIE SAYS T. R. STRAIGHT AS TREE

### Iron Master, Entertained at Santa Cruz, Leaves Picturesque Town Reluctantly—Would Like to Remain Month

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., March 11.—"I don't care if I miss my train; I would like to stay here a month," said Andrew Carnegie, as he wandered among the big trees at Santa Cruz today.

Approaching the great trees named after famous statesmen, he commented upon the men whose names they had been given.

"I was too young to vote for Fremont," said the iron master, gazing up at the tall forest namesake of the general, "but, thank God, I voted for Lincoln."

He paid his respects to Grant as he passed the tree, and approaching "Roosevelt" he removed his hat as he said:

"Roosevelt is just as straight a man as that tree is a straight tree; there is no sham about him. He is the most phenomenal man in the world today."

At luncheon Mr. Carnegie responded to an expression of thanks from Mayor T. W. Drullard for the library which he had given the town. He was presented with three small redwood trees by President H. A. van C. Torchiana of the chamber of commerce. He declared he would take them to Scotland and plant them at Skibo.

# SEND PETITIONS BY CHILDREN OF CZAR

### Aggrieved Persons Take Advantage of Absence of Royalty and Communicate with Their Ruler

YALTA, Crimea, March 11.—During the stay of the Russian imperial family at Livadia many persons took advantage of the frequent presence of the czar's children in Yalta to forward petitions of one sort and another to the emperor without official intermediaries.

The aggrieved person with the petition in a sealed packet would take up a favorable position on the route of the children's afternoon drive, generally in the main street of Yalta. The czar usually appeared first in a motor car. The empress and the children came in carriages behind, and the petitioners always chose an occasion when the children had a carriage to themselves. As the carriages approached, the petitioner, usually a poor woman, would step quickly off the pavement and go down on her knees, holding her packet high above her head to attract the children's attention.

If this succeeded the mounted attendant behind the carriage would ride up, take the paper and hand it to one of the children. Later in the day it would find its way to the czar. Many requests were in this way granted and grievances set right.

**WISE**

"You say you have quit smoking?"

"Yep, never going to smoke again."

"Then why don't you throw away those cigars?"

"Never; I threw away a box of good cigars the last time I quit smoking, and it taught me a lesson."—Houston Post.

"Mister," inquired Dusty Rhodes, "have you got any old clothes you don't want?"

"No; but here is an old automobile you may have."

"Thanks, but I have enough trouble supplying my own wants, without begging gasoline from door to door."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

# MYSTERIOUS FIRE DAMAGES BUILDING ON SPRING ST.

### Blaze Causes Total Loss of About $700 ,and Several Concerns Suffer

Fire of mysterious origin which started in the rear of the two-story brick building at 716-18 South Spring street shortly after 10 o'clock last night entailed a loss of $400 on the contents and damaged the building to the extent of $300.

# CORPORATION TAX LAW IS ATTACKED

## ATTORNEY FOR STELLA FLINT ASSERT IT IS INVALID

### Enforcement Would Deprive Plaintiff of Corporate Property Without Just Compensation, Says Brief

WASHINGTON, March 11.—"For taking away our charters' was one of the grievances of the American colonies against the king of Great Britain. At the time the declaration containing these very words was written the people of Vermont had already rendered conspicuous service in the War of Independence. It would be an astonishing result if, years after that independence had been won, it should be found that the government established by the colonials themselves had become an instrument for taking away our charters."

That is the climax in the brief of Maxwell Everett and Henry S. Wardner, counsel for Stella P. Flint of Windsor, Vt., filed today in the supreme court in opposition to the constitutionality of the corporation tax.

Their main point is that the law, so far as it affects the Stone-Tracy company, is unconstitutional because it invades the sovereignty of the state of Vermont. It is also claimed that the company would be deprived of its property for public use without just compensation, and that the tax is a direct one on the franchise, and therefore unconstitutional because not apportioned.

**Started Fight on Tax**

Mr. Everett started the litigation over the constitutionality of the tax, and he is relied upon largely to present the views of the corporations to the court in the oral arguments of the 150 cases next week.

"The invasion of state sovereignty through the corporation tax is actual and real," says the brief. "No person of the slightest business experience can doubt that the imposition of the tax and the forced publicity of corporate affairs, as distinguished from the privacy of the affairs of partnerships and individuals, and their exemption from a like tax, will drive to the wall this defendant corporation, and all similar small corporations which compete with partnerships and individuals.

**State's Power Nullified**

"It may not seriously affect the larger and stronger corporations. All the reserve power of the state to create these small corporations would be rendered as useless as if it never had existed."

The court is told that to declare the law unconstitutional involves no dimunition of the potential resources of the national government, as was urged would be the case in the income tax cases.

"The taxing power of the federal government," says the attorney, "may reach the business of the defendant corporation for 2 per cent, for 10 per cent, for 50 per cent, if necessary, if it will but seek out all who are engaged in the same business and not attempt to tax the corporate franchise. It is that attempt to tax a franchise created by the state, and not the general power to tax, that makes this argument."

The brief claims that the law was only superficially considered in congress.

**WONDERFUL CAVERN**

"That cavern seems to be popular with the woman visitors," remarked the stranger.

"Yes," responded the guide. "It has such a wonderful echo. Every once in a while one of the women stands on a ledge of rock and shouts, 'Is my hat on straight?'"

"And the echo responds?"

"Yes, the echo answers, 'It is, madam, it is!'"—Chicago News.

**ACROBATIC MONEY BAGS**

Family Friend—I congratulate you, my dear sir, on the marriage of your daughter. I see you are gradually getting all the girls off your hands.

Goldbranch—Off my hands! Yes; but the worst of it is, I have to keep all their husbands on their feet.—London Spare Moments.

**FREIGHT WAR ENDED**

HAMBURG, March 11.—The freight war between the British and German East African steamship companies has come to an end after friendly negotiations. This result is claimed here as a victory for the German companies.





# BRUSSELS FAIR OPENS APRIL 23

## WILL BE OPENED IN STATE BY KING AND QUEEN

### BIG ADVANCE OF TINY NATION TO BE SHOWN

### Solbosch Quarter Set Apart for the International Exhibit Promises to Be a Vision of Beauty to Visitors

BRUSSELS, March 11.—It has been arranged that the International and Universal exhibition at Brussels will be opened in state Saturday, April 23. The king and queen will be present, and the ceremony, being the first taking place since King Albert's succession, will be one of great magnificence.

The exhibition of 1910 has a special significance in the minds of its organizers and in that of the Belgians generally. It will not only show how Belgium has developed in eighty years, but how it has thriven under the reigns of its first two kings.

Belgium has lived now eighty years as an independent, neutral state. Since its early years it has developed and expanded wonderfully. Its trade ranks in importance among that of the great powers of the world, despite its small area, and under the guidance of Leopold II, it annexed the territories of the Congo.

The exhibition of 1910 has been planned for the last eight years. From the start the late king, the government and its official and responsible organizers desired to make it large and important. Leopold II readily gave his patronage to the scheme, and the government granted full protection to the enterprise. A board was then appointed and grounds were selected.

The commission decided on the Solbosch quarter as the site for the exhibition. It is beautifully located near the Bois de la Cambre.

Extensive improvements were necessary before the site was ready to receive buildings. An entire system of drainage had to be established, and finally the grounds had to be connected directly with the lines of a neighboring railway station for the transportation of materials. These difficulties were overcome only at great expense, and the new Solbosch" has been in three years changed from a desert into an animated and modern quarter.

The exhibition grounds cover an area of 223 acres. This area is divided into two sections by the "Avenue de Solbosch," which takes the visitor from and to Australia. These two portions of the exhibition will be connected by three monumental bridges.

On one side of the Avenue du Solbosch will be erected the British section, the Belgian industrial sections, the Brussels section, the reproduction of an old quarter of mediaeval Brussels known as "Bruxelles-Kermesse," and a great concert and lecture hall. On the other side will be the halls of the minor foreign sections, the machinery gallery, the railway sections, the German, French, Italian, Spanish and Dutch private pavilions, an aviation field and a sporting ground.

The buildings, many of which are palatial, are separated by gardens, the designs of which have been ordered from the most competent artists of Europe.

# SCHOOL LAND SOLD IN YEAR TOTALS 202,587 ACRES

[Special to The Herald.]

SACRAMENTO, March 11.—Sales of school lands during the past fiscal year, according to Surveyor General Kingsbury's record, totaled 202,587.54 acres. Sales by counties were as follows: Alameda county, 40 acres; Alpine, 640; Amador, 240; Butte, 919.14; Calaveras, 782.27; Colusa, 440; Del Norte, 2634.42; Eldorado, 360; Fresno, 4720; Humboldt, 1241.48; Imperial, 12,519.08; Inyo, 4694.52; Kern, 22,044.62; Kings, 1280; Lake, 67.78; Lassen, 64,433.18; Los Angeles, 1486.92; Madera, 160; Mariposa, 160; Mendocino, 2836.03; Merced, 173.21; Mono, 2040; Monterey, 1969.14; Napa, 120; Placer, 177.97; Plumas, 5208.95; Riverside, 19,258.29; San Benito, 3214.44; San Bernardino, 12,720; San Diego, 6756.62; San Joaquin, 924.80; San Luis Obispo, 6683.86; Santa Barbara, 400; Santa Clara, 903.76; Santa Cruz, 40; Shasta, 1594.21; Siskiyou, 4552.41; Sonoma, 1345.72; Stanislaus, 5663.72; Sutter, 83.89; Tehama, 1129.40; Trinity, 4614.56; Tulare, 360; Tuolumne, 879.01; Yolo, 40; Yuba, 600.

**WOULDNT STAND FOR IT**

The Boy—'Ere's the eggs you ordered for the puddin', ma'am.

The Cook—Thank you; just lay them on the table, please.

The Boy—Excuse me, ma'am, I ain't a hen; I'm the grocer's boy.—London Sketch.



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