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REEDSPORT CONSTABLE ACCUSED OF ACCEPTING BRIBE \$100 BILL FROM BOOZE RING

Denies That Payment Was Made and Declares Nothing to Do With the "Ring"—Roberts Has Handed Cash to Connelly and Connelly Turned It Over to Schulte.

Just a mere bagatelle of a successful bootlegger's case now in the hands of Fred Schulte, the constable of Reedsport, who is accused of accepting a bribe from the famous \$100 bill passed hands before land-lords, the prosecution in order to prove that he had accepted the money from the defendant, Bert Roberts, who had his wife give for the purpose of the money was paid to about the 26th day of 1922, who, acting as a "jack" to Fred Schulte, testified that he had seen the "gang" and his hands clean regarding any of the "corporation" which had a plan, believing it to keep Schulte's order that he might position to the best of the alleged conspiracy.

direct and evident testimony introduced by defense plays their cards to the stand. "It's Jack upon exonerations. An absolute never handed me the money."

Roberts' testimony alleged bribe and in fact that the much-billed was actually paid by transmission to a person called Hillis Short. Hillis was a in the preliminary admitted having and having and customers "who set it." Hillis Short, brought out, was the alleged payment Hillis peeked into and saw Roberts exit and pass it over to a man who took time to domination and then Schulte. That's what on the stand. He tried to get around an effort to get around to the performance forced to hide in a near the door of the advantage point he was payment.

the other hand, the link on the court dried until the defense on the stand testified the time of the at- tending near the hotel lied. Either Hillis got in the great out- rigger over his dome and the alleged mythical structure witness forgot about the, which evidently is important part in.

who owned the hotel declared that the bill until December 17, he got stubs on my was not convinced not a "ligger" in the hall to the boards to be haled into court along with the Bert Roberts.

that Roberts was arrested and on July Connelly never caused the alleged ringsters organization meeting pool hall. When saw Brown, the of the gang, Roberts was always out at "too busy making around town making the eye-witness, also important testimony he hoped to show that

Schulte had at one time attempted to extract a bribe from Short. The time in question was when Roberts was on a little trip to Eureka. Short testified that Schulte approached him and said, "You're getting along pretty good, ain't you? Nobody has ever bothered you, have they?" Short replied in the negative, he said. He then declared that Schulte said, "Looks like you ought to pay a little money for this protection, guess you know the agreement don't you?" But Short testified that he informed Schulte that Roberts gave him instructions to pay no money to officers while he was absent.

"I never saw my husband give Mr. Schulte any money at any time" was the substance of the testimony offered yesterday evening by Mrs. Bert Roberts, wife of the state's star witness. She admitted that she had tried in vain to witness the alleged payment of the money to Schulte but was unable to do so. "I was in room 28, upstairs in the hotel," she said, "and I saw my husband offer the \$100 bill to Schulte while they were standing on the sidewalk across the street. Schulte did not take it then."

Addison Cook did not fire himself out on the witness stand, and was allowed to return to the spectator benches. "I saw Schulte at the Imperial Hotel in Portland, November 26th, 1922, he testified. This testimony was introduced by the state in an attempt to prove that Schulte actually made the trip to Portland as he was said to have informed Roberts he intended to do with the \$100.

Earl Wroe, admitted member of the booze ring, now a resident of Vernonia, took the stand and rehearsed the details of the formation of the "trust." He stated that he had never conversed with Schulte regarding the organization. When asked if he was aware that Schulte was an officer at that time, Wroe said, "Well, I thought he was a deputy or something, he packed a gun around." Wroe, like a majority of the other witnesses, admitted that he had been convicted of violation of the liquor law.

request of his attorney. In explaining this action, he said the bill was handed to Connelly and therefore he decided steps towards the collection of the amount should be directed towards him alone.

"Did you have a conversation with J. A. Zachary near the Antlers Theatre last week?" asked Attorney McKnight.

"Yes," replied Roberts.

"Did you not state to him at that time that you had only been in Connelly's hotel at one time?" was the next question.

"I did not," testified Roberts. "I told Zachary that I felt sorry for Schulte and that I thought he was a good honest man before he was dragged into this mess. I said I thought that Connelly talked him into it."

Zachary was later called to the stand by the defense and testified Roberts had told him he had only been in Connelly's hotel at one time.

Mrs. C. E. Roach, formerly house-keeper at the Connelly Hotel in Reedsport, but now a resident of Marshfield, was called. Mrs. Roach "got her Irish up" and snapped questions back in the "short and sweet" style when cross examined by the state. She declared that she was upstairs in the hotel at the time the defense alleges Roberts called to see Connelly. She said he came upstairs in the hotel and said, "Jack, I want to see you a minute." They both went into a room and emerged a short time later.

John McCullough, clerk at the Connelly hotel, also became hostile on the stand. John said that he saw Roberts enter the hotel at the time in question. Testifying concerning the woodshed in which Hillis Short alleges he concealed himself to witness the money payment, McCullough declared that no shed existed at the time but was constructed later by Addison Cook, a roomer at the hotel.

Artie Smith, bridge operator for S. P. at Reedsport, appeared on the stand as a character witness. He testified that Roberts bore a bad reputation in the lower Umpqua section.

Fred Schulte, the defendant, who faces the charges of having received the \$100 bill for his protection of the "ring," took the stand.

Mr. Schulte was positive in his declarations that Mr. Roberts or any member of the alleged booze ring had ever paid a cent to him for the purpose of receiving protection. He denied that Connelly had handed him a \$100 bill after having received it from Roberts. "I only had conversation once with Mr. Roberts," said the defendant. "He said he had conversed me to constable and in return should be allowed to 'get by.' I told him that neither he nor anyone else would be allowed to 'get by' and that I would start a cleanup of that town after the first of the year. I never have offered protection to the ring. I never arrested anyone outside of the ring and I have served warrants on a few of those who claim to be in the ring. Hillis Short never sold any booze to me at any time."

Schulte admitted giving testimony concerning the alleged bribe before the grand jury but says that the words "\$100 bill" were never uttered and that he told the jury that he had a \$100 check, which a Mr. Timberly had paid him. He said that Attorney Austin had the check in his possession.

The feeling of hatred between Roberts and Schulte cropped out during this testimony. "There always has been bad feelings between Roberts and myself," Schulte said.

The state called W. G. Curry to the stand. Mr. Curry again testified concerning the grand jury testimony which he heard. "Mr. Schulte did not make any mention of a \$100 check, but I distinctly heard him say '\$100 bill,'" said Mr. Curry.

Alek Tate, who served as marshal at Reedsport during the time the alleged booze ring was operating, testified that he had noticed the little woodshed near the Connelly hotel upon many occasions.

Schulte previously testified that he was not present when the poolhall in Reedsport was raided by Deputies Hopkins and Shambrook. To offset this statement, the state brought a witness to the stand, George Miles, who worked in the poolhall. "I saw Schulte and Connelly standing across the street when Hopkins and Shambrook were raiding the joint," he testified.

The noon adjournment was then taken.

A bad blow was dealt the state's case this afternoon when Frank Timberly took the stand, and producing his check book, showed a check stub from which had been torn a check for \$100 made payable to Fred Schulte on November 22nd. This is the same check which the defense claims provided the funds for Schulte's trip to Portland. Timberly testified that Attorney Austin took the cancelled check last summer for purposes of securing evidence in the case.

J. H. Austin was called to the stand but testified that the check had disappeared from his files and that he could not produce it. He testified, however, that it had been delivered to him.

L. F. Reizenstein was recalled to the stand and referring to the notes he made as secretary of the grand jury, reiterated his statement that Schulte said Timberly paid him a \$100 bill. He said that Schulte made no mention of a check.

Roberts was recalled to the stand for short questioning after which the

UMPQUA CHIEFS TO ORGANIZE THURSDAY

The Umpqua Chiefs will hold their organization meeting at the office of A. T. Lawrence on Thursday night of this week. Invitations have been sent out to a large number of the leading boosters of the city to join the organization, and those who desire to accept the request to take part in the activities of this live-wire booster club are urged to be present at the opening pow-wow at 7:30 Thursday night. The Umpqua Chiefs are being organized purely as a booster organization. They will put on their war paint and go out to scarp a few crouches and pessimists, and expect to develop and maintain a spirit of optimism and progress in the community. The only requisite for a member, is that he be first, last and all the time willing to work for the interests of Roseburg and Douglas county. At the meeting on Friday night the Big Chief, and all the lesser chiefs will be named and assigned their duties. Other matters concerning the tribe's relations and the welfare of the reservation will be considered.

CONNELLY JURY FAILS TO AGREE

After Deliberating Twenty-Four Hours Report Is Made Into Court.

EQUALLY DIVIDED

Ballot Stood Six to Six on First Vote and Only One Jurymen Changed During Full Time.

After deliberating for more than 24 hours the jury in the Connelly case was unable to reach an agreement and returned into court with a report that its members were hopelessly divided, and was dismissed by Judge Hamilton. The jury received the case Monday afternoon and was out all Monday night and all day Tuesday until about 5:30 in the evening, when its report was accepted by the court.

The jury was evenly divided from the first, it is understood, the first ballot standing six to six, the vote remaining unchanged until Tuesday noon when one juror turned to the conviction, the ballot then standing seven to five for conviction. This was the final division of the jury, it is understood.

The character of the witnesses on both sides, is reported to have been responsible for the failure of the jury to reach a decision.

Every possible effort was made to force a verdict, and it was not until Judge Hamilton was fully convinced that there was no possibility of the jury reaching a decision, that he allowed a report to be made into court. The jury wanted to report twice that it could not agree, but on both occasions Judge Hamilton instructed them to continue their deliberations and try to reach a verdict. After 24 hours, however, with practically no change in the balloting, it was found useless to keep the jury out longer.

Judge Hamilton announced that the case will be retried this term of court.

This term is proving a very expensive one to the county. Two juries have failed to agree, the Kellington manslaughter case having resulted in a disagreement, while the Connelly case also failed to materialize in a verdict. The county has been put to the expense of keeping a large number of jurors in Roseburg for an extended period, and there is still much work to be done. The Springstead gravel case, and the Connelly case each took up more time than had been expected, adding a great deal of expense. The court has been forced to draw two special jury panels and it is possible that more will be needed before the term is completed.

The arguments started at two o'clock and the case will probably be given to the jury late this evening.

Judge Hamilton announced that the Connelly case would be retried as soon as a civil case had been disposed of and requested that all witnesses be kept here for the case.

GILLETTE CHOSEN HOUSE SPEAKER

Deadlock Ended on First Ballot Taken in House This Morning.

RULES FIRST IS WON

Effort to Secure Right to Offer Amendments to House Rules Won Before Insurgents Switch.

(United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Representative Gillette of Massachusetts, was elected speaker of the house on the first ballot today, which was the ninth taken since balloting started on Monday. The election ended the deadlock. The vote stood Gillette, 215; Garrett 197; Madden 2, not voting 4. Number required to elect, 208.

Rules Fight Won
(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Insurgents decided to abandon their fight today after being assured by Representative Longworth, the Republican leader, that an opportunity would be given later to offer amendments freely to house rules. The insurgents from the start maintained that their real fight was for a rules revision.

Deadline Is Ended.
(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Frederick H. Gillette, of Massachusetts, was re-elected speaker of the house today when Republican insurgents voted for him for the first time since the deadlock over the speakership developed Monday.

MELROSE RESIDENT DIED AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. John Doerner, a resident of Melrose, died this morning at the Mercy hospital. Mrs. Doerner has been residing in Melrose for the past twelve years and has made many friends who deeply mourn her death. She was born September 12, 1881, in Kansas and has been living in Melrose since 1901. Mrs. Doerner is survived by a son, Charles Doerner, who attends the Roseburg high school, her husband, John Doerner, and a sister, Mrs. V. Chesney of Portland.

DEMPSEY MUST WORK TO PAY INCOME TAX

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Jack Dempsey has so much of his fortune tied up in real estate that he must go to work to earn money to pay his income tax. Jack Kearns, his manager, said today in announcing that the champion is arranging a theatrical tour to eastern cities.

REFUSE TO ALLOW TEST OF SANITY

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 5.—After Folsom penitentiary officials refused to allow physicians to take spinal fluid from Alex Kels, convicted murderer, Governor Richards announced that he would take no action to make possible the proposed fluid test for the purpose of ascertaining Kels' sanity. If the test is made it must be upon order of the court.

DEATH INVESTIGATED

(Associated Press.)
KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 5.—Authorities are investigating the mysterious death of J. R. Feliz, whose body was found last night in Klamath Lake near Algoma, fourteen miles north of Klamath Falls. The body, weighted with three steel rails, was discovered when train men were dipping water to cool a hot box. The bucket hooked into the trousers clothing the body. Feliz was last seen on November 26, when he left the Algoma Lumber company's employ, saying that he was going to Klamath Falls for medical treatment.

TRAMBITAS AND BERCOT BOUT DRAW

(United Press.)
SEATTLE, Dec. 5.—Dude Bercot, Monroe boxer, was held to a draw last night by Johnny Trambitas, of Portland. Bercot, was eight pounds heavier than Trambitas, who more than held his own, and who many fans thought was entitled to a decision.

COOLIDGE WINS FIRST CONTEST

Defeats Hiram Johnson in Proposals Convention Held in South Dakota.

CAPPER WITHDRAWS

Declines to Accept Position as Running Mate of Coolidge —President Preparing Statement to Leaders.

(Associated Press.)
PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 5.—The state proposals convention finally adjourned early today. The republicans endorsed Coolidge and the democrats, McAdoo. The Farmer-Laborites, after failing to effect a fusion with democrats, endorsed La Follette.

To Acknowledge Action
(Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—President Coolidge will acknowledge the action of the South Dakota Republican proposal convention in granting him preference for the presidential primary, and will send a communication to republican leaders from that state which may go a long way toward indicating his attitude toward the 1924 campaign. White House officials made no attempt to conceal their satisfaction over the majority given the president over Hiram Johnson.

CAPPER WILL NOT RUN

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Senator Capper, named as a running mate with Coolidge by South Dakota republicans, said today that he would not accept the nomination. No statement has yet been received from La Follette, who was selected as the Farmer-Labor candidate, or Hiram Johnson, the rejected republican aspirant. The selection of Coolidge caused undisguised satisfaction at the White House, where an announcement of Coolidge's candidacy is expected within a few days.

FLAMES SURROUND VESIVIVUS' CONE

(By United Press.)
NAPLES, Dec. 5.—Flames entirely envelope the cone of Vesivivus today. Occasional streams of incandescent lava are boiling over the rim of the crater. The activity which has been noticeable for some days increased as the glare became more pronounced the population of the surrounding countryside became correspondingly alarmed. Scientific observers issued a reassuring communique, stating that the situation is not alarming.

SENTENCE REMITTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—President Coolidge today signed a warrant remitting the contempt of court sentence against Comptroller Craig of New York.

TURKEYS TO BE SHIPPED EAST

Two or Three Carloads to Be Sent From Umpqua Valley to Atlantic Coast.

BUYERS ARE HERE

Birds Will Be Received Saturday by Farm Bureau at Various Points in Douglas County.

Two or three carloads of turkeys will be purchased in the county Saturday for shipment to eastern markets, according to an announcement made this morning by C. E. Banning, manager of the Roseburg Farm Bureau Exchange. Mr. Banning states that three buyers are in the field arranging for shipments east and that the farm bureau exchange is preparing to buy birds for these firms. George Kohlhaas has also announced that he will buy birds for the eastern market. The price at which turkeys are to be bought for this shipment will be decided upon today and will be announced tomorrow so that growers may decide whether or not they wish to kill at the price fixed or wait until the Christmas market opens on the coast.

Umpqua valley turkeys were shipped to the far eastern market for the first time Thanksgiving, when Swift and company bought a carload of birds and sent them to Hartford, Connecticut. Evidently the sale must have been satisfactory, for there are now three firms in the market for birds for eastern shipment. It is possible that by opening up an early market the growers may receive better prices than on the regular market, when there is often a drop, as occurred during the Thanksgiving season, when the early birds sold for 35 cents per pound and the fowls on the regular market at 27 and 27 1/2 cents.

The success of the early shipments to be made this month will probably have a great bearing on the future of the turkey industry in this county, and considerable interest is being shown.

The Farm Bureau has been signing up growers all over the county, and have enough birds pledged for delivery to fill two or three cars, providing the price is satisfactory, Mr. Banning says.

Birds will be received by N. D. Cool at Drain, R. W. Davis at Yoncalla and J. N. Cornutt at Riddle, in addition to the Roseburg and Oakland exchanges. The Riddle and Myrtle Creek districts have been consolidated to keep down the expense as much as possible.

Mr. Banning reports that growers are giving excellent co-operation in the selection of turkeys this year. They have realized the value of close grading, and instead of protesting against the careful selection of birds, they are insisting upon a high grade pack which will command the best prices. They are also taking more care in selecting the birds to be killed, saving those which are not in good condition, or which will not be apt to be classed among the best. This is having a big influence and is causing buyers to offer top prices for the Umpqua valley turkeys.

Buyers are undetermined regarding the Christmas market. The way the Thanksgiving sales dropped it is very probable that the buyers will be very cautious and that prices will not be very high. Many wholesalers lost heavily and will not be anxious to buy at high prices. On the other hand the low priced turkeys caused a much greater consumption, which it is believed disposed of a large part of the surplus and probably reduced the number of turkeys held on storage so that there should be a more certain market for Christmas.

The Farm Bureau pool made up at Thanksgiving time, will probably net the growers about 27 cents, Mr. Banning reported today. The complete returns from the car shipped to San Francisco on consignment have not yet been received so that the final figures cannot be correctly stated, but he says that the growers will receive about 27 cents for the birds placed in the pool.

SUPPORT TO BE GIVEN GERMAN DRIVE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—It was learned at the state department today that the government had decided to support the German appeal to be made soon for a huge loan to be raised in this country and Great Britain to provide food for the starving population.