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PROBE WILSON INTO MELLON ALUMINUM FIRM

Failure of Justice Dept. to Investigate Leads to Senate Action.

1912 DECREE IGNORED

Secretary of War Requests Better Facilities for U. S. Army—Batch of New Bills.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—After a long dispute the senate judiciary committee decided today to defer until tomorrow its investigation into failure of the Department of Justice to bring contempt proceedings against the Aluminum Company of America in which Secretary Mellon has a large stock interest.

Chairman Cummins was directed to ask for testimony from Attorney General Sargent, assistant attorney general Donovan, Chairman Vernon W. Van Fleet of the federal trade commission, and Otis B. Johnson, secretary, and Millard P. Hudson, chief examiner of that commission. The inquiry will touch not only upon the failure to bring contempt proceedings for charges of violations of a 1912 court decree enjoining the company from continuing practices in restraint of trade, but also upon the refusal of the trade commission to permit the department of justice to have certain important testimony taken from the files of the Aluminum Company of America.

Senator Walsh, Democrat, Montana, had fought to bring the inquiry today but after a discussion it was decided to start it tomorrow before the entire committee instead of before a sub-committee which is the usual practice.

Army Quarters Scored.
Housing facilities for the regular army were described today by Secretary Davis before the house military committee as "uneconomic, unfair to the personnel and dangerous to health and life."

He introduced a bill to authorize sale of certain military reservations, the proceeds to be used in constructing permanent buildings. Many temporary army buildings, especially wooden hospitals, the secretary said, are nothing more than "tinny boxes" and constitute a "harrowing" fire hazard.

To Curb Federal Judges.
Representative Dyer, Republican, Missouri, announced today that he and other members of the house judiciary committee would try to have enacted at this session legislation to prevent abuse of power by federal judges.

Dyer already has introduced a bill to prevent federal judges from commenting on credibility of witnesses and he said the commission was at work also on a bill to require more specific evidence to convict persons of federal conspiracy. Many persons, innocent of crime, he said, have been drawn into conspiracy cases, especially prohibition cases.

For Interstate Bridge.
Oregon and Idaho would be authorized to build a bridge across the Snake River at Billings Landing site under a bill passed today by the senate and sent to the house.

Opposes Senator Nye.
It would be "perverse" to construe the North Dakota statute providing for filling vacancies in state offices by appointment, as having any reference to congressional offices and Gerald P. Nye should be denied a seat in the senate from that state on this ground, Senator Goff, Republican, West Virginia, said today in presenting the majority view of the senate elections committee on the Nye case.

He held that the governor had no right to make the appointment and the only way a successor to the late Senator Ladd could be legally chosen was by special election. The Republican administration was advised today by Representative Goff, Democrat, Texas, to take the case to the "trusts that are running between its legs" and not spend all its energies attacking foreign monopolies like the British rubber combination.

"The President sincerely believes that the way to cure the ills of the country is to give the wealth to a few great interests," said Mr. Connally in a speech in the house. "I wish the President would go out to Iowa, walk down the long rows of corn, then step into the fields and see the debts of the farmers. I wish he would go into the west and pitch some real hay to be eaten by the real cows instead of being consumed by moving picture cameras."

FUGITIVE CHECK KITER'S AUTO IS SEEN IN PORTLAND

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—Officers working on the case of J. K. Frank, fugitive check kiting financier, who is charged with defrauding eight Los Angeles banks of more than \$250,000, today were seeking to trace the supposed hiding place of \$200,000 of Frank's loot in Portland, Oregon. Advice from Portland that Frank's auto had been seen there after he fled Los Angeles New Year's eve and the belief of his pursuers that he is actually hiding out in Mexico have given rise to the theory that he rushed north, hid the bulk of his plunder and then doubled back southward, where he intends to hide if possible.

ERUPTION OF MT. VESUVIUS ONLY OF COMMON KIND

Benefit Rather Than Menace to Villages—Paris Gets Ready to Meet Worst of Rising Flood.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NAPLES, Jan. 7.—Vesuvius is rumbling and emitting smoke and lava, but in small quantities. The phenomenon last night attracted large crowds of foreigners who watched the glow from the crater as it enveloped the snow capped mountains. The present eruption is only one of the ordinary outbreaks of the volcano.

"It is one of the ordinary phenomena which occur about three times yearly," said Professor Maladra, director of the Vesuvius Observatory. "Last year was an exceptional one as there was only one flow of incandescent lava from the crater since last April. The present small eruption, rather than being dangerous, is a safety valve for the villages around Vesuvius, since the volcano through the opening near the cone finds outlets for its incandescent matter which otherwise might overflow the entire mountain. There is no fear of a large eruption at present like that of 1906. Today's activity of the volcano probably will last only a few days, after which Vesuvius will resume its normal condition."

Flood Menaces Paris.
PARIS, Jan. 7.—A rapid rise of the River Seine last night and this morning brought its height at the Austerlitz bridge, in the heart of the city, to within eight feet of the disastrous flood level of 1910, when the most destructive flood in the history of Paris occurred. The river is within less than six feet of the level of the 1924 overflow.

The peak of the rise probably will be reached Saturday, when the flood waters of the upper valley arrive. Hundreds of families have abandoned their homes for higher ground.

The authorities, however, maintain that even at the worst there is no possibility of a disaster. The principal sufferers thus far are the eastern suburbs, where thousands of houses have been invaded by flood water. Even where occupants are not obliged to decamp they are suffering discomfort.

Officials say the Seine will continue to swell until tomorrow. The invalids railway station, across the street from the ministry of foreign affairs, was closed last night owing to the rising waters. Traffic was suspended from Paris to Versailles, Rambouillet, Dreux and Granville, while the residents of the island of St. Denis abandoned their homes during the evening.

PERUVIANS AND CHILEANS ENGAGE IN FRESH TROUBLE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
ARICA, Chile, Jan. 7.—Charges and counter charges were being exchanged between Peruvians and Chileans in the Tacna-Arica plebiscite are today, following the latest outbreak of trouble between the two opposing groups. Captain Rotalde, commander of the Peruvian transport Rimac, which replaced the Ysayal at Arica, was seriously injured and a companion, a Peruvian lawyer, slightly hurt last night when their automobile, proceeding from Tacna toward Arica, was overturned. Official Peruvian officers in Tacna advised the car was overturned through design of unnamed persons. Two victims are receiving hospital treatment. General Pizarro, whose Peruvian party from the Rimac, was attacked yesterday by Chileans at Tacna, today denied that he had shot into the Chilean crowd, as the Chileans had charged. Five members of General Pizarro's party were so badly injured in the fighting at Tacna as to require hospital treatment.

R. L. STEPHENS EX-SHERIFF OF COUNTY, DEAD

Served Twelve Years as Member of School Board—Twice Chairman.

FUNERAL SATURDAY

Born of Pioneer Parents Near Oakland, Gave Much Time to Service of County.

R. L. Stephens, a pioneer resident of Douglas county, ex-sheriff and for many years one of Roseburg's leading shoe merchants, passed away in this city this morning after an illness of more than eight years. After an active life, much of which was devoted to public duties, Mr. Stephens suffered a stroke of paralysis eight years ago. He recovered somewhat and had improved to a considerable degree when a second stroke left his throat paralyzed. Since then his health has been very poor until the time of his death at 2 o'clock this morning.

He was born on the Calapooa west of Oakland September 19, 1854. His parents, Ebenezer and Rebecca Stephens, crossed the plains in 1852, coming from New York state. Ebenezer Stephens, a farmer and mechanic, was one of the first settlers in the Calapooa valley. He later served as sheriff and as county clerk.

R. L. Stephens obtained his early education at Oakland and Monmouth and then entered the contracting business. He served as deputy sheriff for two years under B. C. Agee and served two years as sheriff in 1898 and 1899. He entered the shoe business and for 18 years conducted a store in Roseburg. He served twelve years on the school board and was twice chairman of that body.

He was married in 1884 to Theodosia Fate, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Fate, pioneers of 1852. Besides the widow he leaves three sons, Loyal Stephens of Roseburg, Herman Stephens of Bend, and Lalo D. Stephens of Roseburg. He also leaves a grandson, two brothers, George Stephens of Roseburg, and A. J. Stephens of Oakland, and two sisters, Mrs. B. W. Clarke of Millwood, and Mrs. C. H. Bailey of The Dalles.

Fraternally Mr. Stephens was a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge. He united with the Baptist church when a young man and a few years ago became a member of the Roseburg Christian church. The funeral services will be conducted by the Roseburg Undertaking company at the Christian church on Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Rev. H. E. Mow, officiating. The interment will take place in the Masonic cemetery.

SCHAEFER REGAINS TITLE OF BILLARD CHAMPION

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Young Jake Schaefer, from whose brow the world's 18.2 ball line billiards crown has twice been snatched, again wears the diadem. He took it by a 1500 to 800 victory over Edouard Horemans, the Belgian, whose meagre five point win exiled the title from the United States for a brief thirty days.

Consistent and grimly determined, Schaefer clinched his right to the championship by taking 500 to 318, the final 500 point block of the 1500 point, three-day match yesterday. He made the phenomenal average of 33.12-16 in his sixteen innings of play, and though the Belgian's highest run of 243 was 33 better than Schaefer's, the loser averaged only 15.16.

FUGITIVE SWINDLER MAY BE FORMER MEDFORD MAN

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 7.—J. H. Frank, fugitive, wanted in Los Angeles for alleged check kiting operations, is thought to be a former resident of this city, whose father was J. K. Frank, a former Southern Pacific station agent, now dead. The younger Frank moved away when about ten years old, and is now about forty. He has many relatives in this section.

Sarcastic Outburst in Congress Paints Hoover as Propagandist for Rubber Tire Manufacturers

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The house committee investigating foreign monopolies in rubber and other raw materials interrupted its hearings today to straighten out a mix-up over what happened at an executive session yesterday.

Aroused over publication of a story in the Washington Post, which said Secretary Hoover had presented at the secret meeting certain communications between the state department and foreign governments, the committee decided after some discussion to send a letter to Secretary Kellogg denying that any such documents had been presented.

The Post article got attention because of its assertion that the communications showed foreign governments "had laughed at" the state department for trying to proceed American consumers.

Sec. Hoover's activities were today assailed on the house floor by Representative Black, Democrat, New York, as "propaganda plus" for the rubber interest. "Here are the expanding tire companies," Mr. Black said, "stealing the faithful Hoover on the British lion just when they are about to inflate prices."

"They want an alibi to gouge the public, so they bark at the East India rubber planter whose empire protects him better than the Napoleonic sphinx for the moment."

UNIVERSITY OUSTS STUDENT EDITOR OF VILE PUBLICATION

Attack on Moral Character of George Washington Followed by Threat of Worse Stuff.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—George Washington University officials today were considering expulsion of other students connected with "The Lash," new and unofficial publication of the school, and whose editor, John R. Bromell, has been dismissed.

Bromell, whose first issue of "The Lash" was described by William Mather Lewis, president of the university, as "positively indecent," was contemplating court action to gain reinstatement and declared he would print another and "hotter" edition of the magazine. In it, an announcement said, would appear the two love letters which caused a sensation in the Rhinelanders' annual, and A. J. Stephens of New York, and which were not published.

Bromell was dismissed by President Lewis when he refused voluntarily to withdraw and after accepting full responsibility for the publication.

Dr. Lewis said "The Lash" generally was in "exceedingly bad taste," but he objected particularly to an article attacking the moral character of George Washington while he lived at Mount Vernon.

"The university carries the name of the father of his country," he declared, "and the article, besides being obscene, is unpatriotic."

Associates of Bromell, whose names are being sought by university authorities were said to be rallying to his support in an effort to have him reinstated and obtain authority to continue publication of the magazine. Bromell contended his dismissal grew out of his campaign against "an all powerful fraternity clique," ruling the university.

The Lash was produced, an announcement in it said, to "lodge in plain and unmistakable language a protest against the existence of the fraternal oligarchy which dominates all student affairs at the university."

BLIZZARD SWEEPS THROUGH REGION OF ROCKY MOUNTAINS

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 7.—A blizzard-like storm swept through sections of the Rocky mountain region yesterday and continued in some parts today, leaving in its wake one person dead and many automobiles stalled in heavy snow drifts.

Arthur F. Ward, Pueblo, Colo., merchant, was killed when his automobile plunged from a bridge during the storm. Scores of motorists were stalled in the roads of southeastern Colorado and more than a foot of snow was reported at Crook, Colorado.

Indications of the storm came as far south as Albuquerque, N. M., where the snow melted as it fell.

Heavy winds and drifting snows have hampered automobile traffic and air mail pilots in Rock Springs, Wyoming, district for the last 26 hours and one plane was wrecked without injury to the pilot.

The weather man promised some relief for today with generally fair skies and rising temperatures in some portions.

CONSTRUCTION OF HIGH SCHOOL PROGRESSING

Rough Work on New Building Now Completed—Finishing Starts.

STUCCOING DIFFICULT

Exterior Finish Will Be Put Off Until Warmer Weather to Obtain Better Job.

The rough work on the new high school building in West Roseburg has been practically completed and from now on the finishing work will occupy the attention of the builders. There is no question but that the district is getting an exceptionally fine building. The architect T. M. Gerow recently came to Oregon from Kansas where tornadoes and windstorms place a strain on all buildings. He has been in the habit of building substantial structures in that state and has brought the same system to Oregon with him. The new high school building is built in an exceptionally solid manner with heavy steel reinforcement throughout. The contracting firm of Hoover and McNeil has carefully observed the specifications and everyone connected with the structure is well pleased with the service being given.

All the concrete has been poured and the forms removed. Finishing is now under way on the interior and the built-in lockers are being installed. As soon as the plastering is done the building will be dried out and the carpenters will then start the finishing work.

The only difficulty met so far has been in the stucco on the exterior. This stucco is of a slow drying nature and during the winter months is affected by low temperatures. One side of the building was finished during the middle of last month, but because of the cold did not set well and has scaled off in spots. The contractors have decided not to finish the exterior until spring when warmer weather will permit a better job.

The building is of beautiful architectural design and has been planned with a view of utilizing every inch of space. For efficiency of construction and a combination of beauty the building will undoubtedly be a model in the state. The exterior is being finished in colored stucco and terracotta, and the design gives a beautiful appearance.

Inside the arrangement provides not only beauty but convenience and exhibits the results of a great deal of careful preliminary planning.

The combining of the gymnasium and auditorium saves a great deal of space and it is apparent that this plan is going to work out well. The auditorium affords a huge stage, large floor for athletic contests, and bleacher seats having room for 600 spectators. A stand over the entrance to the gym floor is wired so that a motion picture projector can be used in that part of the building.

For the home economics department there is a well equipped electric kitchen, serving room and lunch room, where cafeteria lunches may be served.

All hallways are of poured concrete with heavy reinforced walls and floors. These hallways are particularly strong, so that the building is perfectly safe in the event of fire, the hallways offering complete protection. The building is practically fireproof, the only woodwork being in the partitions and floors of the class rooms on the second story and the window and door casings.

Contractor Hoover is giving the work a great deal of his personal time and attention. His foreman, Bert Thomas, is in active charge of the construction.

Walter Singleton is serving as inspector for the school district. Mr. Singleton is an experienced building and surveying the district as inspector at the time of the construction of the present high school building.

LABBITER MAY SUCCEED PERSHING IN CHILE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Major General William Lassiter, army commander of the Panama Canal zone, has been suggested to replace General John J. Pershing as military head of the Genoa-Arica plebiscite commission in the event a substitute is appointed to carry on the work in Arica during General Pershing's return trip to this country for medical and dental treatment.

CIGARETTES MAKE WOMEN LOOK LIKE MEN, EXPERT SAYS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Women, if they continue to smoke, will look like men, Joseph B. Lippman, managing director of the national beauty shop owners' convention, said today. The tobacco face is becoming more common among women, he added. "Features of women who smoke," he said, "grow sharper as the nicotine habit grows taut and snarled. The lips lose their rosy color. The corners of the mouth show wrinkles. The lower lip shows a tendency to project beyond the upper lip. The eyes acquire a stare and the lids rise and fall more slowly."

IRVING BERLIN'S BRIDE HEARTSICK AT DAD'S SILENCE

Declares Herself Happy as Wife, But Lings for Her Father's Blessing—Tour Given Up.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Irving Berlin is supremely happy in her recent marriage with the noted jazz composer, she says, but is heartsick because her father, Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Postal Telegraph Company, has not given them his blessing.

Back in New York, in the composer's roof garden apartment today, Mr. and Mrs. Berlin were awaiting some word from Mr. Mackay, to whom they have sent a special delivery letter in the hope that he would approve the marriage. Thus far, however, he has added nothing to his statement that the wedding was without his knowledge or approval.

Their proposed honeymoon trip to Europe aboard the Leviathan, Sunday for which the ship's presidential suite has been engaged, will probably be cancelled, Mrs. Berlin said.

The bride appeared nervous and on the verge of tears on leaving Atlantic City. Her husband put an arm around her consolingly. "I am so disappointed that father didn't come down to see us," she said. "I am supremely happy, but oh, so heartsick. I have a very heavy heart."

"Will there be a religious ceremony?" Berlin was asked. "I can't say anything now," he replied. His wife, however, added: "Isn't it a bit too early to talk about that? I'd like to speak but I am afraid. Our plans are so unsettled."

Mr. Berlin is a Jew and his wife a Roman Catholic.

The New York American today states that it has learned from friends of the family that Mr. Mackay has made a new will which cuts the bride off from the \$30,000,000 which is the reputed size of his fortune. It also states that at his estate Roslyn, Long Island, he had his daughter's belongings shipped to her husband's apartment.

A member of a law firm which has represented Mr. Mackay told the New York Times that he knew nothing about a change in Mr. Mackay's will and put no credence in the report.

RAILROAD LOSSES RESULT OF WAR ON SHIP COMPETITION

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Many of the losses claimed by the railroads can be traced to rates made to stifle water competition, Brigadier General Thomas H. Ashburn, head of the government Mississippi barge line, declared today before the senate interstate commerce committee.

Trying enactment of the Gooding bill, which would prevent the charging of higher rates for short hauls than for long hauls, he said, such an action would cause the railroads to turn their energies from destroying water competition to the development of the interior portion of the country.

Speaking for the intermediate rate association of the intermountain states, James A. Ford of Spokane, Wash., urged passage of the bill so the railroads might be prohibited from returning to what he characterized as the discriminatory practices in force up to the time of the World War. He said the railroads, backed by Chicago manufacturers and shippers, now are seeking to charge a much lower rate on basic commodities from Chicago to Pacific Coast terminals than from the same city to intermediate points.

"The result would be," he said, "that instead of the intermountain country reaping any benefits from the Panama Canal, it actually would be penalized because of the water competition furnished by that waterway."

UMPUQA CHIEFS DISCUSS PLANS FOR YEAR'S WORK

Chief Berrie Outlines Policies and Objectives for Future.

DRILLS TO START

Weekly Rehearsal to Be Held by Drill Team to Prepare for Strawberry Carnival.

The Umpqua Chiefs are organized to assist in improving the City of Roseburg and Douglas County and to promote and encourage the beautification of public roads, streets and parks, to bring about a closer cooperation between the city and the inhabitants of the farming communities, to sponsor and participate in any worthwhile effort to benefit the residents of the community and to sponsor the annual strawberry carnival. Chief Umpqua O. M. Berrie told the members of the organization at the meeting held last night. The meeting held at the office of A. T. Lawrence was well attended and a great deal of interest was shown. Chief Berrie, who was recently installed as the head officer of the organization spoke for some time outlining his policies for the ensuing year and asking the help of the other members in carrying out these efforts.

The arrangements for the strawberry carnival are well in hand, he stated, so that the attention of the organization must be directed to the other projects and objects for which the club is created.

Chief Broccoli A. M. Knudson spoke along the same line giving some suggestions regarding the carrying out of the policies as outlined by Chief Umpqua.

Past Chief Umpqua T. H. Ness spoke briefly expressing his desire to see the chiefs institute a move to create a city parks commission to acquire and handle land for park purposes.

The matter of erecting high-way arches at each entrance to the city was again discussed, and the resolution adopted by the Chamber of Commerce, offering cooperation, read: Alvin Knudson, T. H. Ness and A. N. Hildebrand were appointed to hasten the erection of these gateways, and were given authority to call for a special meeting of the club at any time it may be necessary.

Chief Knudson announced that the regular drill meeting will be held at the Armory on Friday, January 8, and each week thereafter. The drill team is to practice regularly in the future so that it will be ready for an appearance at any time without a period of nightly drill prior to the time they are to appear.

The Umpqua Chiefs were ordered by Chief Umpqua to attend the boy scout rally at the Armory on February 9, in full regalia. The squads are also to be present at this rally.

L. B. Endicott, manager of the Associated Oil Company, was accepted as a new member.

A resolution commending the News-Review for the Special News edition was unanimously passed.

The following resolution offering cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce was adopted: "WHEREAS the UMPQUA CHIEFS recognizing the constructive work of the Chamber of Commerce in the various activities for the good of the city of Roseburg, and county of Douglas, view with satisfaction the program as laid out by the new officers of the Chamber of Commerce for the year 1926; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UMPQUA CHIEFS reaffirm their hearty support of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce and that we especially commend their appointment of a committee on parks and city beautification, and commend to their attention the efforts of a former mayor and his achievements in this particular endeavor, with the hope that the Chamber and the present mayor may co-operate in this splendid work, promising the assistance and cooperation of the Umpqua Chiefs."

NEW MODEL OF SPATS FOR MEN

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
LONDON, Jan. 5.—Arbiters of men's fashion, spurred by the popularity of Russian boots for women, have designed new spats for men. These are made of rubber in varying shades, and besides being easy to clean, are claimed to be more close fitting to the ankles and shoes than the present cloth spats.