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## TANNER PRODUCES MITCHELL'S LETTER

Portland, Feb. 13.—Among the papers brought by Senator Mitchell's secretary, Harry O Robertson, from Washington, D. C., was one from Senator Mitchell to his law partner, Judge Albert M. Tanner, dealing with their partnership agreements. The letter was surrendered by Mr. Robertson to United States District Attorney Heney and appears as one of the exhibits in the case worked up by Mr. Heney against Senator Mitchell.

The government considers this letter of Senator Mitchell's valuable to its case, in that they contend that it shows the line of testimony which Mitchell desired Tanner to give before the grand jury on his second appearance before that body. The letter follows:

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.— My dear Judge: I am almost a fraud to write a word as the scoundrels will misconstrue everything and distort all that is said. Your friend with letter did not arrive here until today. Your letter only received at 3 p. m. I have made search for my articles of copartnership of 1902 but I am unable to find them. I think it must be among my papers in office.

Harry, of course, prepared these articles. You will see Harry on his arrival. I found other supplemental agreements of date November 1, 1904, which are all right. Harry has these with him. Now the facts are these and you must deal with them accordingly. First under our articles I was not to have any interest whatever in any business you might do in any of the departments or any land matters. Second, as a matter of fact, I never knew until now that any charges for any such services had been credited either to me or the firm, or that my account had ever been credited with any part thereof. As I was never furnished with any statement of any bank account or of any other thing whatever and I have nothing to do with the book, nor did I see the same and you will remember several times I cautioned you not to mix up in any way

with any land office matters. Third, to this day I do not know what book entries you have made or what you did with any cash or checks; if you ever received any for services. Nor was I ever advised by you, nor did I have any knowledge that any part of any such cash or receipts was placed either to the credit of our firm or myself.

Now Judge you will agree with me I am sure, these are the facts, and I am also sure, whatever entries you made you never intended I should have any part of such cash or checks, if any, and that you intended that in some way in settling accounts between us no part of any such moneys or checks should be mine, but your individual property. I had supposed, of course, that you had kept all such charges and accounts in your own name. There is no chance on your part in doing business for honest people in these land matters. I hope, therefore that you will do me justice at the proper time in giving the facts just as they are and as I have stated them. You must not get rattled or alarmed. Harry will doubtless identify this co-partnership articles of 1902, as having been prepared by him. See him at once on his arrival. Don't be interviewed until I see you and now strictly confidential, don't tell Harry, your son, or any one else.

Can't you immediately on receipt of this, drop everything and come directly here. Bring with you in trunk, but don't let your family or anyone know, all the company's books, day ledger, all of them, also your bank book as I am extremely anxious to see for myself personally what the books show. Besides it is important we could talk it over with Fulton who is to help defend me in regard to the cases. I hope you can come. If so don't let a soul know you are coming not even Harry. And if you conclude to come, wire me as follows: "John leaves direct for Washington this evening. Tanner."

I do hope you can come and immediately before you are called again be-

fore the grand jury. Sincerely your friend, JOHN H. MITCHELL.

P S—Don't show Harry this letter or tell him anything in it. Don't let him see our books. Tell him nothing. P S—Keep all important papers in safe and office carefully locked as these scoundrels will get in if possible. P S—Burn this without fail.

Subsequent to writing this letter Senator Mitchell sent two messages to Judge Tanner, which were introduced as further evidence by the government in support of its contention that the letter was intended to direct Judge Tanner's line of testimony. The messages follow:

Washington D C Feb 8—Hon A H Tanner Portland: Harry is due in Portland Thursday morning. Don't fail to compel with my request. It is important. Don't be interviewed.

JOHN H. MITCHELL  
Washington Feb 9—Hon A H Tanner Portland: I am deeply grieved, I am sure you are not guilty. Don't be interviewed. Say nothing. Don't fail to comply with my request in Harry's letter.

JOHN H. MITCHELL

## TO WITNESS INAUGURATION

Roseburg Or. Feb 13—Today a contest was started by the directors of the school district of this place to pay the expenses of the most popular pupil in the high school to the inauguration of President Roosevelt at Washington, D. C.

Some time ago President Roosevelt invited a student from each high school in the United States, the result being the contest. The race will last about two weeks, each vote costing 5 cents.

## Trains Are Lost In Storm

By Scripps News Association  
Kansas City Feb 13—The severest temperatures of the season were recorded early today in the west and south-west, ranging from fourteen to twenty eight degrees below zero. The rail roads are all tied up and business is prostrated in all directions. Six of the Missouri passenger trains are lost somewhere in central or western Kansas. The railroads are making every effort to send him relief.

## President And Party

(By Scripps News Association)

Washington Feb 13—The President accompanied by Mrs Roosevelt Secretary and Mrs Taft, Mrs Cowles and Mr and Mrs Edwin Roosevelt, left for New York this morning at ten o'clock on the Pennsylvania railroad and will arrive at three this afternoon. The President will address the New York Republican at a Lincoln Banquet given at the Waldorf Astoria this afternoon.

## "Something Doing"

Salem, Feb. 11.—The bitterest feeling exists among the Union county delegation and the Union lobbyists, over the defeat of the bill creating Hot Lake county.

Encountering Senator Pierce in the lobby yesterday evening, Frank Wilson, of Union county, declared: "You and McDonald both promised in an open meeting at Union prior to the session that you would support 'division'."

"You are an infernal liar," retorted Pierce. He endeavored to strike Wilson, but was prevented by Senator Wright and other bystanders.

A big crowd soon jammed the lobby. Wilson also accused Representative Dobbins of being pledged against county division before the session. This was denied by Dobbins.—E. O.

## Cold Wave kills

(By Scripps News Association)

Chicago, Feb 13—With the temperature at twenty two degrees below zero this morning it has brought death and suffering to Chicago. Ten persons have been frozen or injured as a result of the cold wave. John Gordon a street laborer and Andrew McCarthy a janitor will die. A score of fires this morning caused losses amounting up to twenty five thousand each and adding to the suffering. This is the lowest temperature in six years.

## Mob Kills Jews

(By Scripps News Association)

Berlin, Feb 13—News has reached here of an anti-Semite riot at Gomel Russia. A thousand drunken peasants attacked three hundred Jews and hanged and maltreated them. They mutilated and murdered a Jewish girl of seventeen, and wounded one hundred of the Jews seriously and two hundred slightly. The synagogue was demolished, while the police were passive witnesses of the riot.

## Bathroom Striks Ended

(By Scripps News Association)

Batoom, Feb 13—The strike here has ended with the exception of some dock laborers. All the workmen who struck two weeks ago returned to their work this morning.

## Journalist Suicides

Helena Mont Feb 13—J W Connor, a well known northwestern newspaper man committed suicide at Kalispell by shooting today. No cause for the deed is known although he has been unusually morose for several weeks.

## Train Service Hindred

By Scripps News Association  
Omaha Neb Feb 13—It was twenty two degrees below zero this morning at six o'clock at the train throughout the state is completely demoralized.

## Sultan Has Fears

(By Scripps News Association)

Constantinople, Feb 13—The Sultan fearing an anti-Russian demonstration has asked that the steamer "Australian" which is conveying General Stoessel and staff back to Russia, proceed through the Bosphorus without stopping.

All members of the Degree of Honor are earnestly requested to be present at the regular session tonight as business of importance is to be attended to.

Special meetings are in progress at the Methodist church, Rev. Mr. Hartshorn will be here tomorrow to assist for ten days or so. Pastor Gillilan speaks this evening.

## COUNTY DIVISION BILL IS BEATEN

(Special to the Observer)

Salem, Ore., Feb. 13.—This afternoon a vote was taken in the house on the county division bill, providing for the cutting off of part of Union county and making a new county to be

called Hot Lake county, and resulted in a defeat of the bill. Very great interest has been taken in the outcome of this bill, and its progress has been watched with care. The vote was thirty one against county division and twenty seven in favor of it.

## CHIEF JUSTICE MAY RESIGN

Washington, Feb. 13.—Rumors regarding the possible retirement of Chief Justice Fuller were set afloat again Saturday when it became known that this was the 72d birthday of the chief justice and the age at which he becomes eligible for retirement from the supreme bench and enjoy a salary of \$10,500 a year as long as he lives. Those who pretend to have inside information declare that Justice Fuller will resign his office next month, or immediately after he has administered the oath of office to President Roosevelt. It is reported by the same persons to be the president's plan to proffer the post of chief justice to Secretary Taft.

Should Chief Justice Fuller resign as reported, he will have established a precedent, as no Chief Justice of the Supreme Court has ever resigned before. All have died on the bench.

Chief Justice Fuller has administered the oath to four presidents—Harrison, Cleveland and McKinley twice and next month will add a fifth to his recordbreaking list.

## Surprise Party

A number of friends of Miss Alberta Gates tendered her a pleasant surprise at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Price Gates, Saturday evening. Games were played, refreshments served and a very enjoyable evening was passed.

Those present were: Misses Queenie Shilling, Jean Nibley, Lib Watson, Tilla Henning, Mary Hatcher, Joe McLaughlin, Messrs. Gene Taylor, Ralph Dickinson, Ralph Paddock, Billy Shoots, John Spitzinger, Chas. Oliver, Ben Scott, Wallace Black, Alfred Hyatt, Ira Watson and Wall.

## EIGHT MEN HELD UP.

Eight people in the Green Tree saloon 460 Glisan street including the bartender were held up and robbed at 8 o'clock last night by two masked highwaymen who entered by the front and departed by the rear door after securing \$25 in money, a check for \$175 and a number of worthless articles.

John Keller, the proprietor was behind the bar and even customers were lined up in front.

They were ordered to stand against the wall and remain quiet. The highwaymen explained that they merely wanted money and that no violence would be done if their victims offered no resistance. Each of the bandits wore a mask and was armed. No arrests.—Portland Journal

## POSTAL EMPLOYEES MORE THAN ARMY

The postal service of the United States employs more persons than that of any other government in the world. The chief clerk of the post office department has prepared a list showing that 267,502 persons are under orders of the postmaster general. The army and navy combined does not aggregate more than half of this number.

The postal employees are divided as follows: Postmasters, 20,000; rural free delivery carriers, 30,001; city letter carriers, 21,554; star routes and railway mail service, 42,731; of which 12,214 are in the railway service; clerks, second class offices, 24,743; assistant postmasters in first and second class postoffices, 1534; estimated number of clerks in third and fourth-class offices, 14,000; estimated number of clerks paid by postmasters, 62,000. These clerks are paid from allowances out of the salaries of the postmasters themselves.

In the postoffice department there are 1156 clerks and other employes and 400 inspectors. The figures of Chief Clerk Chance do not include some 30,000 substitutes rural free delivery carriers and about three thousand substitute letter carriers, which would swell the figures to 302,302 employes.

In point of numbers of postal employes, Germany ranks next to the United States, then Great Britain and France. It is estimated that the postal employes draw about \$16,000,000 a year in salaries.—E. O.

## Strikers Grow Quiet

By Scripps News Association

St Petersburg Feb 13—The strike situation continues quiet, and the Putiloff Works will resume operation tomorrow. At Lodz, Poland, all is quiet, some of the workmen having returned to work this morning. At Warsaw there were one hundred and forty four buried who lost their lives in the recent fighting. Two hundred of the wounded are still in the hospitals.

## Free Washing

Now is your chance to have a family washing done free of charge. If you wish to know how to have this done call up Thos. Sigmund at the Rondo Valley House and he will explain it all. General agent for the Ideal Washer. Call up Phone 3-61 week

## FOR SALE

Eight acres of land 4 in orchard 6 room house good barn, well watered just one mile east of postoffice. For particulars enquire at McFarlanes grocery or John Gavin the owner on the premises will exchange for town property Feb 8. Moh 6

## AFTER INVENTORY SALE

Taking inventory of a stock of goods like ours discloses many broken lines, and odds and ends. These we will place on sale for the next

Four Days at very special Prices

32 pair of shoes, each \$1.13  
For men and boys, the regular price range from \$1.40 to \$2.50. Just 32 pair, \$1.13 no more, your choice

5 Duck Coats, each 75 cents  
Regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 values. Blanket lined, with corduroy collar. This sale only 75c

12 pair work pants, each 50c  
Good weight, striped cotton pants, regular 85c and \$1.00 values, This sale only 50c

3 doz men's golf shirts, each 35c  
These shirts are from our regular 65c and 75c shirts, slightly musced, but best values ever sold 35c

Three dozen 25c Men's Bow Ties  
Each 5c

15 Misses' and Children's  
Capes and Coats, each \$1.50  
These garments range in size from 3 to 14 years, and are priced regularly at \$3 to 7.50. Your choice this sale. \$1.50

7 only, Infants Wraps, 49c  
Regular \$1.00 garments made from matted flannelette, well lined, with Angora trimmed capes. This sale 49c

5 only, Ladies' wool Sweaters, 95c  
Positively regular \$3 sweaters. Black, white and navy. This sale 95c

Dishes, Half Price  
Fancy Plates, Cups and Saucers, Fruit Dishes, Bone Dishes, mush and milk sets, sugars and creamers, etc. Half Price

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