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SELECTING A JURY IN MITCHELL CASE

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Portland, Or., June 20—The trial of Senator Mitchell was opened up this morning and the day was taken up in the selection of a jury.

Portland, Ore June 20—Today the first of the many Oregon land fraud trials began before United States District Judge J J De Haven in the new courtroom of the postoffice building in this city. The case is that charged United States Senator John H Mitchell with having accepted fees while senator of the United States for services rendered to Frederick A Kribb, a Kribb, by which timber land claims belonging to the latter were passed through the general land office to patent. Senator Mitchell is represented by Ex Senator John M Thurston of Nebraska and Judge A S Bennett of the Dallas while District Attorney Francis J Heney represents the government. The charge on which Senator Mitchell faces trial is regarded by the government officials as the strongest of the indictments which have been returned against him. The evidence is largely documentary and is said to consist in great part of letters, checks and account books. The alleged transactions of S A D Pater with Senator Mitchell do not figure in this case, nor will Pater be a witness.

TANNER'S CONCESSION

Confronted with the evidence which the government had secured, Judge Tanner, himself under indictment for perjury for swearing that the bogus was the original partnership agreement, and threatened with criminal proceedings against his son, broke down and made a full confession in open court. He acknowledged that he had perjured himself before the grand jury and said that the pretended articles of partnership were drawn and executed in November, 1904, and dated

back to 1901, at Senator Mitchell's request. Tanner stated also that the original articles provided that Mitchell should receive all fees for services rendered before the departments, and that this arrangement continued up to the time of the grand jury's investigations. Robertson had previously testified before the grand jury that he wrote the original articles from dictation in 1901. He surrendered to the government the confidential letter from Mitchell to Tanner.

This is in brief a summary of some of the facts which have already been published and which will be brought out on the coming trial. The government is said to be in possession of checks and other documentary proofs that Mitchell received the moneys paid to the firm by Frederick A Kribb, and the firm's books will probably also be placed in evidence.

TANNER'S STORY

When Judge Tanner was called before the grand jury and asked as to the nature of the firm's transactions he stated that Senator Mitchell had no interest in fees for services rendered by the firm before the departments at Washington, and in support of this assertion he procured a document purporting to be the original partnership agreement executed in 1901. In place of the clause already quoted, the following clause is alleged to have been substituted:

"It is agreed that the interest of each of the parties hereto as to all the services rendered, all moneys received and all business done by the firm, shall be the equal one half thereof except that for any services which may be rendered by said John H Mitchell in the supreme court of the United States shall be his individual matter and all fees so earned by him in said court and his salary as senator shall be his individual property and the firm shall have no interest therein; and that for any and all services which may be

rendered by said Albert H Tanner before any of the departments at Washington D C, or any of the branches or bureaus thereof in the land department of the government, either at Washington D C, or Oregon or elsewhere, shall be his individual matter, and all fees so earned by him shall be his individual property, and the firm shall have no interest therein, and said John H Mitchell shall not be required to perform any services therein except such as he might properly do as a senator in congress for any constituents without charge."

W J Burns of the secret service made an investigation which disclosed that the document had been prepared at a very recent date. Just at this juncture Harry Robertson arrived from Washington, carrying a confidential letter from Senator Mitchell to Judge Tanner. Robertson was immediately taken before the grand jury, and subjected to vigorous examination.

DETAILS OF CHARGE

The indictment charges that contrary to the federal laws Senator Mitchell received fees from Frederick A Kribb amounting to \$1,760 for using his influence at Washington to secure the patenting of land claims in which Kribb was interested, the money being paid to the law firm of which Mitchell was the senior member.

Articles of partnership were executed between Mitchell and Tanner in 1901, and according to the testimony of Tanner, his son, and Harry Robertson, the document contained the following provision:

"It is understood and agreed that the interest of each of the parties to this agreement as to all services rendered, all moneys received, and all business done by the firm shall be the equal one half thereof, except that for any services which may be rendered by said John H Mitchell in the city of Washington, D C, either in the supreme court of the United States, the court of claims or before congress or any of the departments, shall be the individual matter and claim of said John H Mitchell, and all fees so earned by him in either of said departments, and his salary as senator, shall be the individual property of said John H Mitchell and the firm shall have no interest therein; but for all services rendered by the firm or either member of it in any other place, save and except as above, shall be considered firm business and the parties equally interested therein."

THREE MEN KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

(By Scripps News Association)

Newington, Conn., June 20.—There was a head-on collision of two Fishkill freight trains near here this morning and three trainmen were killed while two were seriously injured. The accident was due to misunderstanding of orders. The dead were fireman George Schmitz, engineer Louis Stratton and fireman John Genesee. Engineer Schmitt will also die from injuries received in the wreck.

EVIDENCE GOES TO PRESIDENT

(By Scripps News Association)

Washington, June 20.—Secretary Taft's conclusion of the Bowen-Loomis controversy, which was placed in the hands of the President last night, was the subject of discussion at today's cabinet meeting. The secretary holds Loomis innocent of any wrong doing, but leaves it to the President to determine the question of dismissing Bowen from the diplomatic service. An official announcement is expected this evening. Bowen had a long talk with the President this morning and left the audience, feeling rather bitterly the fact that the testimony in the case was not taken where all the documents on his side of the controversy could be obtained. The general opinion is that the President has decided to dismiss Bowen.

WANTED BURIAL IN BAKER CITY

(By Scripps News Association)

Truckee, Cal., June 20.—Mrs Robert Burnett attempted suicide here this morning, shooting herself through the left lung. The loss of her husband was the cause of the deed. In a note she had written before the attempt she requested interment at Baker City, Oregon.

Dropped Dead

(By Scripps News Association)

Chicago Ill. June 20.—N P Sheer-on, of Indianapolis, a prominent politician and a delegate to the interstate telephone convention, dropped dead this morning at the auditorium while replying to an address of welcome.

His death was due to apoplexy. He was one of the most prominent independent telephone magnates in the country, and was president of the Indianapolis company and a stockholder in many others and was formerly secretary of the national democratic executive committee. Out of respect for the dead man, the convention only transacted important business and adjourned until tomorrow.

Higgins Re-elected

(By Scripps News Association)

Sau Francisco June 20.—Martin P Higgins, of Boston, was this morning re-elected president of the international printing pressmen's union over Frank Pampush, of Denver. Edward Randall, of Toronto, was elected first vice-president, John Farrington of St Louis second vice-president, Fred Ranagan of Boston third vice-president, William Webb, of New York secretary and treasurer. Pittsburgh Penn was chosen as the next meeting place of the convention. They will meet on the third Monday in June of next year.

A TRAGEDY AT THE EXPOSITION

(By Scripps News Association)

Portland, Ore June 20.—Rachida Brudo, an Algerian dancer, was shot and fatally wounded on the "Streets of Cairo" at the exposition by her husband today. Her husband was a Moorish merchant, who after shooting her put a bullet through his own head and is now dying. Jealousy was the cause.

ENGLAND OBJECTS TO AN ARMISTICE

(By Scripps News Association)

St. Petersburg, June 20.—A dispatch from London to the Novos Vremya states on what is declared to be excellent authority that the British government is advising Japan against a conclusion of an armistice and adds as follows: "The Russians are not considered sufficiently weakened. Great Britain hopes that General Oyama has succeeded in destroying the army of General Linevitch, thus relieving her of a nightmare. That army may be shifted later to the borders of Afghanistan for operations against India."

For A New Navy

(By Scripps News Association)

St. Petersburg June 20.—It is reported that the Russian ship building works here will be placed under the supervision of the United States steel work for a period of ten years. During which time the rebuilding of the navy will be carried on.

Will Remain

(By Scripps News Association)

St. Petersburg June 20.—It is stated that ambassador Cassini who has been transferred to Madrid, Spain will remain in Washington after the peace conference is concluded.

Russian Riots

(By Scripps News Association)

St. Petersburg, June 19.—Advisors from the province of Varnoselk at Khergen states that during a demonstration by the citizens, the Cossacks charged the crowd killing thirty eight and wounding a great many others.

Had Her Sympathy

(By Scripps News Association)

Eakersfield, Cal., June 20.—After being out four hours the jury brought in a verdict of "not guilty" in the case of Lew Walker, charged with the murder of Dave Burton and James Hagley at Havilah. After the jury had rendered their verdict, the widow of Burton stepped up to Walker, warmly shook his hands and to a reporter she said "You may say that I am in sympathy with the defense. Does that sound romantic to you?"

WILL WITHDRAW PRESENT TICKET

(By Scripps News Association)

Philadelphia, June 19.—The Republican city campaign committee this afternoon decided to withdraw the present county ticket and reform measures within party lines and appointed a committee to confer with the Union League committee concerning the makeup of a new ticket.

We'er Invited

(By Scripps News Association)

Washington June 20.—It is announced by the state department this morning that this government has received an invitation from the Moroccan government to participate in the conference of the powers upon the international affairs of that country. Unless the invitation of all the governments is unanimously accepted, the United States will decline to participate.

Still Seeking Peace

(By Scripps News Association)

Chicago, June 20.—The new strike committee, appointed by the teamsters joint council last night, for the purpose of negotiating with the employers for a settlement of the strike, met this morning and sent the request to John V Terbell, Jr., asking for a conference. Little hope is felt that the employers will consent to an open discussion of peace.

MAKES PROTEST TO GOVERNOR

(By Scripps News Association)

St. Joseph Mich June 20.—Captain Lloyd Clark of the United States supply station today wired Governor Bell of Vermont a vigorous protest against the hanging of Mrs Mary Rodgers at Winlow, requesting that, if the woman was executed, the picture of Captain Clark of Battleship Oregon fame, which hangs in the state capital, be turned to the wall. Captain Clark says that he has the consent of his brother to make the request.

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