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JURY SECURED IN WILLIAMSON CASE

By Scripps News Association
Portland Or., July 7—In the federal district court today, before Judge J J De Haven, the second of the land fraud trials began. Congressman J N Williamson, his partner, Van Gesner, and Marion R Biggs, formerly United States land commissioner at Prineville, Oregon, are the defendants.
Representative Williamson and his associates are charged, under the indictment returned against them, with having conspired to commit an offense against the United States by suborning persons to swear falsely before the land commissioners in order to get control of land near Prineville, Oregon. The indictment is brought under section 5440 of the revised statutes of the United States, which section provides where two or more persons conspire together to commit any offense against the United States, or to defraud the United States in any manner or for any purpose, and one of the persons does an act to further the conspiracy, then all are parties to the crime and are liable to a fine of not less than \$1,000 or more than \$10,000, and to imprisonment for not more than two years.

It is alleged that on June 30, 1902, the defendants conspired to suborn 100 persons to commit the offense of perjury by making false declarations in the filing of land near Prineville. Marion R Biggs was at that time U S commissioner, and it is alleged that 100 persons went before him and swore that lands about to be filed upon under the timber and stone act were being taken in good faith by them when in fact the entries were being made at the solicitation and under the direction of the defendants, who were to receive the lands, once patent had been issued on them.
The lands it is alleged were to be acquired by Williamson and Van Gesner, partners in the sheep business near Prineville, and to be used by them for sheep range.

The opening day was consumed in the selection of a jury. The case promises to be a most stubbornly contested one and to occupy as much if not more time in the hearing than the Mitchell case. More than 100 witnesses are present for the prosecution who hope to prove by their evidence that the allegations of the government are

true, while a small army will testify in behalf of the defense against the indictment and its charges.

Francis J Heney, United States attorney for Oregon, is conducting the prosecution while the defendants are represented by Judge A S Bennett, who defended Senator Mitchell, and H S Wilson and Lionel R Webster.

The parties to the case are all prominent in Oregon politics, Williamson being representative from the second Oregon district. He is in his fiftieth year and is a native of Oregon. He has been in politics since 1886, when he was elected sheriff of Crook county. He was elected to congress in 1902 to succeed Malcom M Moody.

A special venire of 70 talesmen was drawn for this trial.

The jury was secured today to try the case against Congressman Williamson et al, and this afternoon the opening statement was made.

To Federal Court

By Scripps News Association
Maysville Ky July 7—Judge Cochran of the United States District Court today, held that the Federal Court has jurisdiction in the case of Caleb Powers, under sentence of death for alleged complicity in the assassination of Governor Goebel. The attorneys for Powers made a hard fight to have the case removed from the state courts.

A. L. ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

By Scripps News Association.
Portland, July 7—The American Librarians Association today elected the following officers:—President, Hall of Brooklyn, vice-president O W Andrews, of Chicago, second vice president Caroline Garland, of Dover, N H secretary J J Weyer, of Lincoln, Neb. treasurer Gardner Jones, of Salem Mass, recorder Helen Haines, of New York, trustees of the endowment fund of New York, Washington, Asheville Nashville and Atlantic City are seeking the next convention.

Second Tunnel Through

By Scripps News Association
Brigue Switzerland July 7—The piercing of the second tunnel through the Stuplion was completed during the night.

TRIED TO CHEAT THE GALLOWES

(By Scripps News Association)
Owensboro, Ky. July 7—Robert Mathew, was hanged in the jail yard this morning at 8:45. The prisoner attempted to cheat the gallows by cutting an artery in his wrist with his finger nails, but the plan was frustrated by the death watch. Mathew was convicted of the murder of Mrs Emma Watkins whom he wanted to marry. At the same time he killed the girl, he also killed James Gregson, the cousin of the girl, who opposed the marriage.

Christian Endeavors

Scripps News Association
Baltimore Md July 7—Denominational meetings was the feature of the Christian Endeavor convention today. Tomorrow the delegates are to go on excursions to Washington D C and Gettysburg. Seattle and Los Angeles are both making a strong effort to secure the next national convention. Seattle seems to be a little in the lead.

Arrested Bank Officer

Scripps News Association
Boston Mass., July 7—Chas. May, president of the defunct National bank of Davenport, Washington, was arrested this afternoon and held on a five thousand bail, charged with misappropriating twenty eight thousand dollars.

Amicable Agreement

(By Scripps News Association)
Paris July 7—It is officially announced that at a meeting of the Council of Ministers this morning Premier Rouvier told the cabinet that there was every reason to hope that a complete understanding would be reached with Germany in regard to the Moroccan question.

Steamer Is Detained.

Scripps News Association
Saigon July 7—The steamer, Liraun has been detained here as a result of the discovery that she has munitions of war aboard.

ROOT WILL ACCEPT STATE PORT FOLIO

(By Scripps News Association)
Oyster Bay July 7—The following was issued from the executive office this morning:—"Elihu Root has accepted the tender by the President of the portfolio of Secretary of State, and he will take charge of his office in about two weeks. However it is necessary that there will be some time before he closes all his business affairs, and he will not be in Washington permanently until some time in September."

By Scripps News Association

Oyster Bay July 7—The President left for Ocean Grove N J at eleven this forenoon aboard a special train on the Long Island railroad. At Long Island City there was a boat in waiting for him and the party was conveyed to Jersey City, where he took a train for Ocean Grove where he will deliver an address before the National Educational Association today. Secretary Lohb and several secret service men accompanied the President, who was joined at Jersey City by Senators Dryden and Keam.

Captures A Vessel

(By Scripps News Association)
London July 7—A dispatch from St Petersburg says that it is reported that the crew of the battleship "Othierine the Great" has joined the mutineers. A dispatch from Thebesse says that the Kuzia Potemkin has stopped a British steamer and compelled her to follow the battleship. A quantity of coal was taken from the steamer. According to this dispatch, the Potemkin left Thebesse last night.

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FEAR BOMBARDMENT

Valta, Crimea, July 7—Intense excitement prevails here owing to the fear that the battleship Kuzia Potemkin will bombard the city.

BLEE FROM VESSEL

Odesa, July 7.—It is reported that twelve of the crew of the Kuzia Potemkin have escaped from the vessel and swam ashore.

Gas Company Ousted

(Scripps News Association)
Topeka, Kan July 7—The district today rendered a decision ousting the Kansas Natural Gas Company from the state. The company was chartered in Delaware with a capital of two million dollars, the biggest owner of national gas in the world.

Ex-Senator Dead

By Scripps News Association
Helena July 7—Wilbur Fish Sanders, former United States Senator from Montana, and leader of the vigilantes in the early days, died here today at the age of seventy-two.

The Sultan Sick

By Scripps News Association
Constantinople July 7—The illness of the Sultan continues and there is cause for alarm. His breakdown is complete and he is unable to attend to any business.

REFINERY LAW IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

(Scripps News Association)
Topeka, Kan, July 7—The supreme court today was unanimous in the opinion that the state oil refinery law was unconstitutional and the refinery declared to be work of internal improvement, which the state has specially forbidden, and that establishments of the penitentiary, at which oil is refined by convicts is clearly a subterfuge. Governor Hoch said:—"I have hoped to go ahead with the plan and and lick John D Rockefeller. He would make no statement with reference to calling a special session to make new laws to defeat Oil company

Expressed Regrets

By Scripps News Association
Constantinople July 7—The Sultan has expressed regrets at the fir at of the American interpreter, and the incident has been closed.

Elect Officers

(Scripps News Association)
San Francisco July 7—The American Surgical Association today decided to meet next year at Cleveland, Ohio. The officers elected were president Dr A Van Beber, of Albany N Y, vice-president Dr J E Moore, of Minneapolis Minn., second vice-president Dr J C Munroe, of Boston, secretary Dr P Allen, of Cleveland, treasurer G R Fowler, of Brooklyn N Y recording secretary Dr B H Hart, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Convicted For Bribery

By Scripps News Association
Milwaukee Wis. July 7—Michael Dunne, the former building superintendent was sent for five years to the house of correction on the charge of accepting a bribe of fifteen hundred dollars from Col Gustave Pabst, the brewer, for a permit for the building and riding academy and illegal speculation. Pabst escaped by turning states evidence.

Eight Tramps Arrested

By Scripps News Association
Laramie Wyo., July 7—Eight tramps are under arrest here for attempting to wreck No. 1 on the Union Pacific, known as the Overland Limited, at Buford at two-thirty this morning. Obstructions were placed upon the track, but the engine stopped in time to avoid a wreck.

At Port Blakely

(By Scripps News Association)
Seattle, Wash., July 7.—The police have been notified by the town marshal of Port Blakely that three of the escaped prisoners from McNeil's Island are corralled there. The fugitives have little chance of escape, and it is no believed that they are armed.

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