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ENTRYMEN NOT DUMMIES

EVIDENCE IN SPOKANE HEARING SAID TO DISPROVE THE ACCUSATIONS

OFFICIALS COMPLETE THE HEARING AND GOES EAST.

Cunningham Case to Be taken up Later—Those Who Follow Case Say Case Disproved.

Spokane, Dec. 14.—The government officials who have been conducting the inquiry into the Cunningham coal land inquiries, left for Washington today. The hearings will be resumed after the holidays subject to the call of Special Commissioner W. J. McGee. It was announced today that the hearing would first be resumed in Cleveland, Ohio, Minneapolis, Minn. and in New York City.

Disinterested spectators who have followed the hearing reasonably close declare that the claim made at the beginning that the entrymen were dummies, representing the Guggenheims, have been disproved by the testimony of Ex-Governor Miles of Walla Walla said today that while some indications might be charged against some of the claimants, their good intentions have been shown that they thought that the patents would come out all right. Clarence Cunningham concurred in this view.

BRAWL COST MANY LIVES

FAMILY QUARREL CAUSES FIRE BURNING SEVEN

Others Fatally Injured in Fire Trap- Tenement in Cincinnati

Cincinnati, Dec. 14.—A brawl between a man and his wife in which they upset the lamp, caused the death of seven persons and the injuring of three others in a fire trap tenement here today. The dead are Mrs. John Henderson, age 40 years, Thomas Wilson, age 3 years, William Rucker, age 30 years and William Grout and three children. The fatally injured are Mrs. Edna Teal, Mrs. Laura Wilson and an unidentified girl.

The building was a four-story structure. When the lamp flame started it spread rapidly and soon blocked the stair way. Six of the dead were found huddled together behind one closed emergency door.

STRONG ARM HOLDS MEN

LAW PREVAILS OVER I. W. W. AT SPOKANE PRISON.

Men Willing to take to Rock Pile if Good Food is Given Them.

Spokane, Dec. 14.—Authorities appear to have gained the upper hand with the difficulties attendant upon the members of the I. W. W. Today sixty of the prisoners who were arrested

CONDUCTOR CUNNINGHAM HURT.

Caught Between Coal Bunker and Car at Pleasant Valley yesterday

An accident occurred at Pleasant Valley yesterday morning about nine o'clock which barely let Conductor Cunningham of freight train No. 23, out with his life. The train was taking coal at the bunker and in switching the conductor was caught between a car and the bunker crushing him severely. He had several ribs broken and was crushed internally. The train immediately brought him to Baker and he was placed in St. Elisabeth's hospital where he is being cared for.—Baker City Herald.

PLAN HUGE COMBINE OF FACTORIES

GENERAL FRUIT ASSOCIATION TO MANAGE ALL BRANCHES TO BE INCLUDED IN IT

Commercial Club has movement Under Way to Combine Various Industries Under one Head.

Combining several worthy enterprises under one general head or association has been deemed a plausible step to take by the Commercial Club in its efforts to add population of a desirable sort by securing smokestacks for La Grande and letting the factories under the stacks make such inducements for more experienced workmen, as the occasion may demand. A movement is now being shaped which will do this.

A fruit union to handle the fruit and manage a series of canneries and apple by-product factories, is the scheme as now outlined. A vinegar factory is to become a part of the institution. A vinegar factory would be come of such an institution. Jellies and other by-products would be adjuncts to the main factories. After careful consideration this has been adopted as a business like move and means toward that end will be exercised at once.

Grande Ronde valley, too, is considered by cannerymen to be unusually gifted for a corn cannery. In corn countries corn matures rapidly and the cannery people have difficulty in harvesting the corn at its proper degree of maturity. Here, where there is little likelihood of corn maturing at all, it would not be difficult to harvest the green corn and have ample time in which to do it. Such a cannery is also to come under the scope of the gigantic movement now under way.

In connection with the Spokane free speech movement, notified the authorities that they were ready to leave the Franklin school building and go to work on the rock pile if they were well supplied with wholesome food.

The men at first refused to work and were locked in the Franklin school building on rations of bread and water. The leader of the Industrialists explained this change of front by saying that the reason the men wanted to go to work was so that they could procure sufficient food wherewith to keep up their strength to enable them to keep up the fight when their terms expired.

KINK LEOPOLD IS STILL ALIVE.

Brussels, Dec. 14.—An official bulletin issued at 11 o'clock this morning says: King Leopold was operated upon successfully by Drs. Thirard, Stinon and Bydelaga. The operation was performed at one this morning.

According to the statement of the physicians the king has a bare chance of recovery. The fact is based upon the fact that the intestinal obstructions which are supposed to have been the cause of the king's illness has been removed. It is stated that it is not true that a tumor was found and removed by the surgeons.

AN AIRSHIP TRUST FORMS

LEADING AVIATORS AGREE THAT SUCH A COMBINE WILL SOON EXIST

SETTLE WRIGHT-CURTISS WRANGLE TOMORROW.

Infringements of Patent Rights Al- ready Taken Place and Litiga- tion Commenced Already.

New York, Dec. 14.—Is an airship trust to be the next development in the conquest of the air? Some of the leading high fliers of the country are willing to answer in the affirmative, and they are viewing with alarm the possibilities of a decision in favor of the Wright Brothers in their injunction case against Glenn Curtiss and the Herring Curtiss Company which comes up for hearing before Judge Hazel in Buffalo, tomorrow. The case will decide as to whether the Wrights or Curtiss have the proper right to one style of flying machines, to which both are laying claim.

In this and all other legal battles over infringements of patents the Wright Brothers have the backing of the new million dollar corporation, which has been formed, so the enemies of the Wrights declare, to become the great trust of the air, when air ships have reached a point in their development that the average man will be willing to trust them.

The Wright Brothers have a plant at Dayton, Ohio, and other will be erected in the near future. The principal stockholders are Vanderbilt, Shonts, Ryan, Morton, Gould, Freedman, and Collier.

The main offices of the company are in the Night and Day Bank building at Forty-Fourth street and Fifth avenue. An aviation field will be opened at once in Florida for the instruction of the company's customers in the handling of aeroplanes so that purchasers will run the least possible chance of danger to themselves when they start to fly alone.

A staff of instructors are to be maintained by the company, much after the manner in which an automobile company keeps experts on hand to show purchasers the intricacies of the machine and to give them lessons in its handling. Instructions in the use of aeroplanes will begin at once on the Florida field so that prospective customers will not have to wait until the factories have opened up and commenced turning out commercial machines in order to learn how to use them.

According to the announcement of the company's plans, it proposes to build heavier than air machines to seats all the way from one to three persons. Aeroplanes carrying all the up to twenty persons may be attempted later. It is claimed by the Wrights and their backers that almost anyone can learn how to manage an aeroplane in a couple of hours.

The question of cost of the commercial machines has been steered clear of by the company thus far. In fact it is said that the Wrights and their business associates have not yet decided on what the public will be compelled to pay for one of these machines but it is likely that the flying machines when placed on the market, will demand big prices, just as did the bicycles and the automobiles when they were first offered for sale.

Cemetery Filled.

Walla Walla, Wash. Dec. 14.—With her cemetery filled, Walla Walla faces a shortage of burying space. The city council tonight will consider some plan whereby the present cemetery can be enlarged. Several offers have been made to supply land, some of which adjoin the present cemetery but the prices have been prohibitive. There is less than a dozen lots left in the present cemetery.

MANAGUA IN MOB'S POWER

POPULACE SCREAMS FOR TAFT AN ESTRADA DURING MAD CARNIVAL

STREETS THROGGED WITH RIOTERS ALL DAY LONG.

General Morales Turns Traitor to Ze- laya and Will take Up Cause of Estrada and Friends.

New Orleans, Dec. 14.—Managua, the capital of Nicaragua is in the hands of a pro-revolutionary mob, according to cablegrams, apparently authentic, from Greytown, late today. The streets are thronged with excited Nicaraguans. Shouting mobs are parading before the palace shouting "hurrah for Estrada and Taft."

Rumors that Estrada is about to make good his declaration to the world to resign, have thrown the populace into great excitement. Another report is being circulated to the effect that the dictator is planning a secret get-away from the country.

Morales Turns Traitor.

Private dispatches from Panama, which are apparently authentic today declare that General Morales, formerly a Zelayan leader, has declared himself in favor of General Estrada and asserting that Zelaya's yoke is that of a tyrant and that it is no longer bearable. It is reported that with his entire force he has marched against Rivas. He has already captured Orisis and some of the towns near the Costa Rican border.

Preparing for Final Issue.

Bluefields, Dec. 14.—Provisional President Estrada has abandoned the defensive and is now massing his forces for an attack upon the Zelayans is the information received by cable today. The impending battle which promises to be a most important revolution will probably be fought at Recero which is 12 miles from Rama General Vasquez, Zelaya's most trusted lieutenant is in command of the district and will no doubt make a determined resistance.

Oklahoma Bank Fails.

Guthrie, Oklahoma, Dec. 14.—The First State Bank of Kiefer Oklahoma, closed its doors today as the result of the failure of the Farmer's National Bank at Tulsa, yesterday.

ROBINSON HOLDS POWER

FIERCE BATTLE TO ELECT PRES- IDENT BEING WAGED.

Robinson Holds Power but Has Trou- ble Facing Him Each Way.

New York, Dec. 14.—Stanley Robinson, owner of the St. Louis Nationals, held the balance of power today when the magnates met to elect a successor to the late Harry Pulliam, to decide the fierce battle which has been waged over the candidacy of John M. Ward for the office of president of the National League.

It was said before the session opened that if Robinson voted for Ward it would insure his election, while if he voted against Ward the meeting would be a deadlock. Ward is opposed by John Heydler, the former league's secretary, who was named as president temporarily at the time of Pulliam's suicide.

Birthday of Greek Prince.

Athens, Dec. 14.—Prince Paulos, the little son of Crown Prince Constantine of Greece was eight years of age today and the anniversary was made the occasion of a great demonstration led by the military league. Leaders of the League, fearing that should Crown Prince Constantine succeed to the throne of Greece, he would be revenged on them for his present humiliation, now demand his renunciation of all rights to the throne in favor of his son, and it is believed not to be unlikely that this agitation will bring about a dynastic crisis.

THORNTON HAS SLIGHT RALLY TODAY

GIVEN UP FOR DEAD THIS MORN- ING BUT STILL LIVES.

Shows Slight Signs of Improvement at Late Hour this Evening.

Given up this morning for dead, but at 3:30 still in an unconscious state as a result of his fall from the Litch building at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, C. R. Thornton of this city who is making his home in Enterprise, is showing slight signs of improvement this afternoon.

This morning the surgeons gave out the word that his brain was clotted and that no human prevention of death was available. His friends and relatives were called to his side, but telephonic communication this afternoon say that, remarkable enough, there is a slight improvement. This afternoon his muscles twitch and there are other signs of life, disproving the paralysis theory. Aside from these trivial signs of life, there is no indication of returning consciousness.

Mrs. Thornton is in a critical state due to the shock of the sudden injury to her husband which indicated themselves to be fatal, and which even now are likely to prove so. Mr. Thornton's condition is extremely precarious.

Marshall Arrested.

La Center, Wash., Dec. 14.—City Marshall W. D. Wampler was arrested for using profane language on the streets. Wampler's profanity cost him about \$1.00 per word. He was fined the sum of \$5.00 and costs by Justice of the Peace Brothers.

Men Escape Waves.

Vancouver B. C. Dec. 14.—Ten men composing the crew of the gasoline schooner Lulu which blew up following a fire on board some thirty miles south of Prince Rupert, reached that place after a trying experience with the weather and high waves.

JEWEL THEFT A MYSTERY

WOMAN OF FASHION FOUND IN DISREPUTABLE PORTION OF MONTEREY

CONSCIOUS BUT CAN'T EX- PLAIN ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY

Thousands in Jewels and Bonds Found On the Unconscious Woman—Man Probably Scared Away.

Monterey, Cal. Dec. 14.—It was learned today that Mrs. Anna L. Cummings who was found unconscious last night in a disreputable part of the city with jewels estimated to be worth more than \$5,000 and bonds and notes valued at more than \$20,000 in her possession had been drugged with chloral with the evident purpose of robbery. The police are trying to find the mysterious man who telephoned to the police station several times during the night, saying that he wanted to see Mrs. Cummings, but refused to reveal his identity. It is suspected that this is the man that drugged her and took her into the disreputable section of the city and left her. It appears that the man was probably frightened away just before he succeeded in obtaining the woman's valuables.

Mrs. Cummings sufficiently recovered today from the effects of the drug that had been given her to reveal her identity. She formerly was Mrs. Wm. P. Steward of St. Louis. Her present husband is C. W. Cummings. With her husband she removed on the first of September from St. Louis to Oakland. Letters in her possession shows that her agents in that city have sold property belonging to her to the amount of \$20,000 and had invested the same in steel bonds.

HAMILTON FOUND GUILTY

Olympa, Wash. Dec. 14.—Attorney C. M. Vance is today preparing a motion for a new trial for Ortilis Hamilton the former adjutant general of the state of Washington, who last night was found guilty of larceny by embezzlement in collecting and converting the state's funds to his own use.

While specific charges on which Hamilton was convicted was for embezzlement of \$1,186, the total pecuniations are placed in the neighborhood of \$30,000.

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