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FRAUD CHARGES PREFERRED AT SEATTLE

PROMINENT ATTORNEYS ARE UNDER ARREST CHARGED WITH FRAUD IN ALASKA.

TWO OTHERS ARE INDICTED

False Entries and Fictitious Entries Charged Against the Men—Land Involved Amounts to a Hundred Million—Result of Federal Grand Jury Probe Carried on at Tacoma During the Past Few Weeks.

Seattle, Oct. 15—Charged with conspiracy to defraud the government out of Alaska coal lands, valued at a hundred million, Charles F. Munday, George Simmons and Cornelius Christopher are under arrest here today following a probe of the alleged conspiracy of the federal grand jury in session at Tacoma.

Munday and Simmons are prominent lawyers here. Each gave $25,000 bail for appearance before Judge Donworth Monday.

The charge is they made fictitious entries in books known as the Christopher group, consisting of seventy-four claims and the Stacey group of eighty-two claims.

Warrants are out for Algernon Stacey and Archie Shields on the same charges also.

All indications point to Tacoma as the scene of the next great move of the government against the alleged land fraud conspirators. Indictments returned yesterday were the climax to investigations dating back to the time when special agent, Glavis, dismissed by Ballinger, was active in the service.

No Booze for Poor Lo.

Washington, Oct. 15—Officers of the Indian department of Minnesota have been ordered to close today all saloons in the territory included in the Indian treaties. W. E. Johnson, Indian agent, has issued strict orders to that effect and the Minnesota redskins will hereafter be unable to secure liquors of any kind.

Ralph Watson Hurt.

Oswald West, democratic candidate for governor, R. A. Watson, political writer for the Oregon Journal, Claude McCulloch and W. H. Strayer started this morning for Eagle and Pine valleys where political rallies will be held today. As the party was leaving Baker an accident occurred which necessitated the return of Watson to this city. They were traveling at a merry clip in Al Geiser's big Buick when they went over a little raise in the road. Watson, West and McCulloch, who were in the back seat, were thrown against the top of the auto and Watson struck a bog, which made a bad wound on the bridge of his nose. He returned to Baker to have the wound dressed, and remained in the city all day. The rest of the party made the trip as scheduled.—Baker City Herald.

May Race at Savannah.

New York, Oct. 15—Nearly all of the contestants who had built cars for the Grand Prize race, which was scheduled for the Long Island course today but was called off owing to the fatalities incident to the Vanderbilt Cup contest, are hopeful that final arrangements will soon be made insuring the holding of the race at Savannah next month. All of the motorists who took part in the previous big race meet in the Georgia city are loud in their praises of its management, some of them asserting that the Savannah races were conducted better than any other big motor meet held anywhere.

Bowerman Never Rode on Pass, Collecting Mileage.

Pendleton, Ore., Oct. 13—(Special)— Jay Bowerman, nominee for Governor of Oregon on the Republican ticket, made the following signed statement today.

"The statement in the Portland Journal to effect that I rode on pass and collected mileage in 1907, 1909 and the special session is an unqualified falsehood. I do not remember what mileage I have collected and cannot give the amount without consulting state records at Salem, but I do know I have never traveled on a pass and charged the state with travel pay, and have collected only the amount allowed by the state constitution.

"JAY BOWERMAN."

DARROW COMES TO ADDRESS PEOPLE

HAD ROUSING MEETING AT PENDLETON LAST NIGHT.

Widely Known Attorney Will Address Local Audience This Evening.

La Grande today entertains one of the most widely known men in the United States, in Attorney Clarence Darrow, the man who has figured so conspicuously in the defense of mining demands and mining men. He speaks tonight at the Opera house and it is thought by all that the crowd will be an immense one. Not only is the subject which Mr. Darrow is so widely known that a great many will want to see and hear the distinguished visitor.

He will handle the saloon question from the standpoint of one who does not believe in the practice of local option.

The address commences at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Darrow spoke at Pendleton last night and with the exception of two business men the unanimous opinions are that the men want conditions changed. The meeting was a rousing one and great interest was attached to it.

Racing at Pimlico.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 15—Beginning this afternoon, Baltimore again comes in for a session of the sport of kings at the famous Pimlico track. The entry list for the fall meeting here is the largest and most noteworthy the Maryland Jockey Club has ever held. All the big stables, including those of Belmont, Whitney, Keene, Wilson and Hildreth, are represented at the meet.

Novity will race in the colts' end of the Matron stakes, today's opening feature. Bashti, his rival, will wear the Whitney silks in the fillies' end of the $10,000 event.

Sir John Johnson and a number of other runners are here from Frank Nolan's Beverwyck stables. With Fitz Herbert out of the way, the other horses will have to do some hustling to beat out Sir John.

Mrs. Martin May be Insane.

Newark, N. J., Oct. 15—With one of the defendants, Virginia O. Wardlaw dead from self-imposed starvation, and another, Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, alleged to be showing pronounced symptoms of insanity, it is doubtful if the Snead murder case will ever be tried. The case is set again for today, but a postponement is practically certain. The three sisters, Miss Wardlaw, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Mary W. Snead, were charged with the murder of Mrs. Ocey Snead, the East Orange "bath tub victim." Prominent physicians say Mrs. Martin is insane.

ATTEMPT IS MADE TO CROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN IN AN AERIAL CRAFT

Atlantic City, Oct. 15—Carrying a pilot, Walter Wellman and Engineer Vanimen and crew of six, the gigantic dirigible America started today to cross the Atlantic ocean. A big crowd cheered until the gas bag disappeared oceanward in a bank of fog. The start was made shortly after sunrise. Before starting, Wellman said he was not sure whether it was simply to make a trial trip or undertake a transatlantic journey. After leaving the ground however his wireless plant flashed the message, "Consider the European trip started."

A brisk wind carried the balloon seaward. For the last three weeks Wellman has announced the starting date for each day. But each day he failed.

The skies were overcast today. Colonel Thomas Potter, one of Wellman's backers, followed the balloon to sea in a private yacht until it left him far behind. The gasbag is 164 feet long, 52 feet across its greatest diameter and estimated speed is forty miles an hour.

If Wellman succeeds the dirrigible will be the first to connect the old and new world by the aerial route.

This morning came the following wireless, "Headed northwest. All well aboard. Machinery working fine, good bye."

Off for Europe.

When moving the machine this morning Wellman said he believed he would simply make a trial flight. Chief Engineer Vaniem however said, "Not much you won't. We are going to Europe today or bust. We are delayed too long as it is."

During the afternoon Wellman and his crew sent the following wireless to Joseph Salus, President of the syndicate backing the project, "Good bye all. We are doing our best to deserve your royal support." Salus replied, "The great work is one of the achievements of the century. Continue your news flashes." The air ship is believed to be about 100 miles at sea at 1:45 p. m.

Efforts are being made to warn Wellman to work north as the hurricane off Cuba is advancing rapidly up the coast and may catch him in mid ocean.

Trip is Feasible.

Milwaukee, Oct. 15— Major Hersey who was with Wellman on his Polar expedition here today said the feat will be entirely feasible. "It will depend entirely on the weather," said Hersey. "With favorable weather the balloon should land safely on the other side. With adverse air currents or heavy rain storms, it is hard to say just where the expedition will end."

STANLEY KETCHEL SHOT THROUGH ONE LUNG FOLLOWING BITTER QUARREL WITH A COWBOY

Springfield Mo., Oct. 15—Stanley Ketchel, the middleweight world's champion was shot through the right lung at the ranch of R. P. Dickinson early today. His condition is reported to be critical. The ranch is at Conway near here. He was shot by a man named Hurd, following a violent quarrel. It is reported Hurd fled to the hills and posses of farmers are seeking him.

Several physicians and nurses left for Conway on a special train.

Ketchel has been at the ranch for the last week as the guest of Dickinson, with whom he is affiliated in business. His career as a fighter is sensational. He started fighting at Butte, Mont., in 1903, when he was 16 years old.

100 KILLED IN STORMS THAT HIT CUBA

FLORIDA KEYS AND NEIGHBORHOOD SUFFERS HEAVILY.

Cyclones Do Heavy Damage Over Large Area in Southern Seas.

Key West, Fla Oct. 15—In a furor hurricane that swent the islands it is estimated that between seventy-five and a hundred persons met death. Great damage was done. Parts of the Florida Keys and Cuba are reported devastated. There is much wreckage.

A wireless flashed from Cuba say the deaths are confined to Santa Clara province.

FINE TALENT IS SECURED FOR THIS CITY

SECRETARY SECURES OPTIONS WHILE IN PORTLAND.

Local Committee Will Meet to Decide Which of Talent is Coming.

Great prospects face the 1911 chautauqua in this city. Secretary W. D. McMillan arrived home this morning from Portland where he met delegates from all the chautauqua towns in Oregon and reports that the La Grande executive committee has options on some extra fine talent for the coming year. As yet, none have been clinched, but the list of available talent is extremely large. The dates were arranged by the delegates and just as soon as the local committee can meet contracts will be closed up for the numbers. The options which the secretary secured and which can all be taken or all rejected, include such stellar attractions as Ex-Governor J. Frank Hanly of Indiana, Dewitt C. Miller, the famous lecturer, the Appolo quintet, William Sterling Battis, the Dickens man, the Chicago Orchestra, Williams' Jubilee singers, (the top of the heap), the Saddler company and Billy Sunday. With such an array the chautauqua will be an exceptional treat.

Steamer on Rocks.

Victoria, Oct. 15—Word has just been received that the steamer Forager, with a cargo of coal, went ashore off Orcas Island Wednesday night in a dense fog. It will probably be a total loss. The crew is standing by. The vessel was bound to Bellingham from Boat Island.

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER IS TONIGHT

BOOKS CLOSE AFTER TONIGHT TO REMAIN CLOSED TWO YEARS

Important Duty of Every Voter Should Be Attended to This Evening.

Tonight the registration books close to remain so for two years unless a special election of some sort is ordered. County Clerk Ed. Wright has made provisions to have the registration books in the room in the rear of the United States National bank again this evening at which times the voters will be given their last chance to register and avoid the necessity of being sworn in at the general election. All those who registered for the primaries need not register again for the general election.

All those not registered for either the primaries or the general election must have six freeholders to swear them in at the time of the election.

Unveil Confederate Memorial.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 15—Confederate veterans from all over Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi witnessed the unveiling today at Fishing Creek, Pulaski county, Ky., of a monument to Gen. Felix K. Zillicoffer, one of the heroes of the lost cause The site of the monument is the spot where Gen. Zillicoffer was killed Jan. 19, 1862, as near the spot where 199 soldiers from Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi are buried.

A slab has been placed over the 199 soldiers, with the following inscription:

"Beneath ths mound rest and sleep, that knows no waking, more than 100 confederate soldiers from Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama, who were killed in the batttle of Fishing Creek, Jan. 19, 1862. We do not know who they were, but the whole world knows what they were. These died far from their homes, but they filled heroes' graves and glory keeps ceaseless watch about their tombs."

WILL NOT CHANGE ITS NAME.

Church Votes to Retain its Present Name to Holy Catholic Church.

Cincinnati, Oct. 15—The house of deputies of the annual convention of the Episcopal church today defeated the proposition to change its name to the Holy Catholis church, by one vote. J. P. Morgan, who was a delegate, was against the change.

Japanese Steamer Aground.

Seattle, Oct. 15—While entering the Seattle harbor today from Japan, the steamer Tacoma Maru went ashore at West Point but was not materially damaged. There was a heavy fog. Passengers were transferred to land on life boats and taken to Seattle on street cars.

FIREBUGS IGNITE COLORADO'S FORESTS

MOUNTAINEERS MOVING AWAY TO AVOID BEING TRAPPED BY SCORE OF FIRES.

PATROL SEARCHING TODAY

Sixty Small Fires Set Yesterday by a Man Riding Through the Forests Silently on Horseback—Many Big Blazes Reported—Families Living in Mountains Are Moving Away Fearing They Will be Trapped by Fires.

Denver, Oct. 15—A large patrol of the forest fire fighters are today scouring the vicinity of Miramonte for the alleged firebugs, who, mounted on horses, have been silently setting fires in the forests. Yesterday 60 small glazes were started.

Scores of lives were endangered, owing to the activity of the incendiary as other fires are raging for several days and authorities are convinced incendiarism is responsible. Every effort to locate the men has failed so far.

Mountaineers are moving away to points of safety fearing a reptition of the recent horrors at the Minnesota forests. While the population is not so congested in Colorado, general fires are bound to hem in hundreds of mountainer families. The patrol will be increased tomorrow if the men are not run down.

WRECK ON CANADIAN PACIFIC.

Passenger Train Strikes Stock Train and Fireman is Killed.

Cartier, Ont., Oct. 15—Canadian Pacific passenger train No. 1 dashed into an eastbound cattle train on a curve four miles east of this city this morning. Both engines and baggage and mail cars were badly wrecked and the engineer on the passenger train was badly scalded. The fireman was killed. A large number of cattle were slaughtered.

Ferocious Criminal Dead.

Wheeling, W. Va., Oct. 15—George Johnson, colored, is dead today. He was one of the most desperate criminals of this section. He was riddled by bullets by Chief of Police Clingenpool. While pursued by a posse yesterday Johnson killed George Bias, fatally wounded Charles Hale and Geo. Lentz, and seriously wounded five others. Then he took refuge on a cliff where he defied them. The chief got above him however and riddled his body with bullets.

ROOSEVELT IS HOME.

Reaches New York and is Ready to Further Stinson's Interests.

New York, Oct. 15—Roosevelt arrived in this city today after a trip through the south and is ready to open the campaign in behalf of his gubernatiorial candidate, Stimson.

He held a conference with the Republican campaign managers as the first step. It is generally believed that Roosevelt's later political successes will depend on Stimon's winning.

Whaling Company Sells Out.

Victoria, Oct. 15—Purchase of the entire holdings of the Pacific Whaling company by Colonel A. B. Davidson and A. D. McRae in behalf of the Canadian Northern railway was unofficially make known today. The price paid is a million dollars, to be paid in December.

Big Ship Launched.

Tokio, Oct. 5.—Kawathi, a 20,000 ton battleship of Japan, was successfully launched today at Yokoseka despite a heavy storm. The Mikado and a large number of prominent officials attended the ceremonies.