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COL. ROOSEVELT DEFENDS HIS SOBRIETY

HAS NOT BEEN UNDER LEAST INFLUENCE OF LIQUOR SINCE HE BECAME OF AGE, HE SAYS

Roosevelt Is His Own Witness--Riis Defends Him

Marquette, Mich., May 27.—Col. Roosevelt was his own first witness in the suit for \$10,000 punitive damages against Editor Newell. He took the stand at 9:30.

His attorney recited the story of his life, touching lightly the experiences of the African hunt. He identified a copy of the "Iron Ore" which contained accusations against him. He said:

"I saw the paper first at Mercy hospital after I was shot. I have never drank a cocktail or highball in my life. With the exceptions noted, I never drank whiskey or brandy except under the advice of physicians. I don't like the taste of either. I don't smoke or drink beer, for I dislike both. I don't drink whiskey or brandy except on physician's advice unless perhaps after a great exposure when I feel chilled through. I don't drink red wines. The only wines I ever drank are white wines, maderia, champagne, or occasionally, a glass of sherry.

"This was generally done at home. I often drink a wine glass or two of maderia and often drink a tall glass of white wine and Poland water. At public dinners some times I drink a glass of champagne or perhaps two, and on an average this means a drink of champagne once a month."

He declared that on the South African trip he drank just seven ounces of brandy at doctor's orders.

In the course of his testimony, he said:

"The only exceptions to what I have stated about drinking whiskey or brandy are as follows: Mint Juleps I rarely drink. I should say on an average I have drank a half dozen mint juleps in a year. Since I left the White House, to the best of my memory, I have drunk mint juleps only twice, once at the country club in St. Louis where I drank a part of a glass, once at a big lunch at Little Rock where they passed around a loving cup of mint julep. The only other occasion when I drank whiskey was when the doctor prescribed it.

"During the last 14 years I don't believe I drank whiskey straight or with water over a half dozen times. On the African expedition I took a case of champagne, a case of whiskey and one bottle of brandy. The latter was taken because I don't drink whiskey and some other members of the party drank whiskey.

LONG BEACH DISASTER WILL CLAIM NO ADDITIONAL VICTIMS

Long Beach, May 27.—Hospital reports say the injured in Saturday's disaster when 36 were killed, passed a comfortable night. Although a number are in a serious condition, it is not expected there will be any more deaths. The county grand jury will inspect the ruins this afternoon. It has not been definitely decided that the jury will make a formal

probe as to the cause and responsibility for the accident, but the evidence will be secured and brought in if such a procedure is determined on. The coroner's jury which will make an official report of the tragedy will meet formally again Thursday. Meanwhile members of the jury are making independent inspection of the ruins.

Champaign was used by three members of the party who were down occasionally with fever, and dysentery, and for travelers and missionaries and others whom we met who were sick. Personally, I didn't taste whiskey or champagne. From the brandy bottle I drank exactly seven ounces, prescribed by Dr. Mearns on two occasions when I had a touch of fever. The last time I told him I disliked it, and didn't believe it helped me. Thereafter I took tea and gave the brandy bottle to R. J. Cunningham, manager of the party. Eight months later, at Khartoum, he asked me what to do with the bottle, saying, out of curiosity, he would measure it. I had drunk seven ounces of brandy in eleven months."

He concluded with: "I never made a practice of public drinking at a bar. I don't believe I have drunk at a bar or inside a saloon in 20 years."

"For the past 15 years," said Roosevelt, "I can give details about what I have drunk and have given them substantially. Neither during those 15 years or since I have been in age have I in any circumstances been even in the smallest degree under the influence of liquor."

Roosevelt was excused from the witness stand at 11:25 and was followed by Henry Ruther, city assessor of Ishpeming, who identified the "Iron Ore" as Newell's publication. Jacob Riis, the publicist, followed Ruther.

Riis testified he knew Roosevelt intimately. When asked if he had ever seen him under the influence of liquor, he cried:

"Lord, no."

Riis denied Roosevelt ever cursed, saying, "He is a gentleman. Worst I ever heard him say was 'By Godfrey.'"

Four Trainmen Killed.

Kansas City, May 27.—Four trainmen met death near California, Missouri, as the result of a collision of two Missouri-Pacific trains. Two others are seriously injured and another is missing.

Aviator Meets Death.

Montrose, Scotland, May 27.—Lieutenant Desmond Arthur of the aviation corps of the British army, was killed when his airplane turned turtle at a great height today.

Gibson Case Upto Defense

STATE IS BITTERLY SCORED BY ATTORNEY.

FLAY STATE'S CASE

Murder Case Which Started Some Time Ago Near End.

Newburg, N. Y., May 27.—The defense opened its case today in the trial of Burton W. Gibson an attorney, for the murder of Mrs. Rose Scabo, a client. Attorney Kohl, representing Gibson, bitterly attacked the state's evidence, and promised to disprove the testimony of a physician that Mrs. Scabo died of strangulation. He dared the prosecution to produce the rowboat which Gibson and Mrs. Scabo were using, asserting the unsteadiness of the craft would convince the jury that no struggle could have occurred in it.

Full-crew Bill Endorsed.

San Francisco, May 27.—With a vote promised this afternoon, discussion of the national workmen's compensation bill was continued by the Brotherhood of Railway trainmen at the convention here. The only other business at the morning session was the passage of a resolution thanking Governor West of Oregon, for his endorsement of the full crew bill.

Taft Favors Big Army.

New Haven, May 27.—Judge Taft is on record as favoring a strong army and more battleships. Lecturing at Yale on "Some questions of the modern government," Prof. Taft said: "The United States is ludicrously unprepared for war. Much of the literature written about what would happen in event of an attack by Japanese supposes they could do a lot of impossible things. In the meantime we would be doing nothing. But at the same time we must remember that in the past we have had great luck and it might not continue."

Relief Spuds Astray.

Pendleton, May 27.—(Special)—There is some doubt about the safe arrival of the car of potatoes sent by the people of this vicinity to the flood sufferers in the east. After the story appeared in some of the Portland papers saying that potatoes were selling for half price, Mr. O'Gara, who had charge of billing out the car and was one of the committee who assisted in the soliciting, wrote to the Red Cross headquarters to find out something about what disposition was made of the car sent from here. He is now in receipt of a letter from there in which they practically deny ever having received such a car. Mr. O'Brien, the O-W. R. & N. agent, has taken up the matter and will start a tracer out which will show just what became of the car.

The car was billed out here on April 1 and was P. F. E. car No. 9123, and there is no reason why it will not be easily traced and it is probable that everything is all right, but as long as there is any suspicion of crooked work it is thought best to trace it out and know just what was done about it.

Suit Filed Against Coal Company.

Washington, May 27.—A number of new suits will soon be filed against the so-called Anthracite Coal trust for alleged violation of the Sherman law, according to Attorney General McReynolds. No details are obtainable.

Americans Hope New Cuban President Will Be Success



AMERICANS who live in Cuba or who have business relations with the little island republic welcomed the inauguration of the new president, General Mario G. Menocal. They hoped his administration would bring better prosperity and restore peace to the land. They based their expectations on General Menocal's record and the fact that he was educated at a Washington university and was graduated from Cornell as a civil engineer. He had lived in the United States ever since he was a little child, and when he returned to Cuba he quickly made a name for himself as a revolutionist. He entered the rebels' ranks as a private and left as a general. He was chief of police of Havana in that ticklish period when the Spanish evacuated the capital after the American occupation.

BEEF SLUMP IN PORTLAND

FRESH AUSTRALIAN BEEF CAUSES DECLINE.

Northwest Stockmen Depressed at Terrific Bearing Now On.

Portland, May 27.—As the result of pouring into local market of great herds of California, Montana, Utah, Idaho and Oregon cattle, caused by importation of fresh beef from Australia by California interests, came a severe slump in the values of livestock in North Portland yards today. During the last 24 hours the price broke fully 75 cents a hundred.

Cattle interests are depressed as a result of the avalanche in prices. It presages cheaper beef to consumers.

Picks "Bob" in 1915.

San Francisco, May 27.—William Allen White, the famous Kansas editor sprung a little sensation on the California progressives when he declared he hoped that in 1916 it would be "unnecessary to sacrifice Roosevelt again." White, in discussing the political outlook, declared if La Follette only would "come over" to progressives, he would be the logical candidate for the presidency next election.

King Stars Homeward.

Berlin, May 27.—King George and Queen Mary left for London this evening.

WIFE HELD AS WHITE SLAVE

PROMINENT TACOMA MAN AND WIFE ARRESTED.

Officials Assert he Transported his Wife Immorally.

Seattle, May 27.—A. R. Watson, Jr., said to be prominently connected at Tacoma, is under a \$5,000 bail on a charge of having run counter to the Mann anti-white slave law in furnishing transportation to his wife Carrie Watson. The latter is held as a witness under \$1500 bail. The arrest was made by Federal Marshall Davenport on a complaint of immigration officials.

Anniversary of Battle Above Clouds.

Chattanooga, Tenn., May 27.—The half century old tales of bloody carnage and the bravery of the American soldiers were recounted here today, when veterans of battle above the clouds" on the slopes of Lookout Mountain met here in the greatest reunion of Blue and Gray since the scars of the Civil war were healed. Joining with the veterans who fought on both sides at Lookout Mountain were the bent old soldiers who fought at Chickamauga where, according to historians the percentage of loss on both sides exceeded the percentage of loss in any other battle in history. Twelve thousand tents were pitched today on the old battle field to accommodate veterans from the various states. The reunion which opened today will continue tomorrow and Thursday.

WILSON HAS CURRENCY BILL DRAFT READY

SOLICITS SUPPORT OF THE BANKING COMMITTEES OF TWO HOUSES.

CABINET DISCUSSES BILL

Currency Measure to Be Introduced in Congress Next Week, Following a Cabinet Meeting Today With That Purpose in View—New Industrial Commission Personnel Considered.

Washington, May 27.—Currency reform and the personnel of the new industrial commission were the principal matters discussed at the cabinet meeting today. No agreement on the complete currency bill was reached but it is expected the administration measure will be introduced in congress next week.

The Democratic members of the senate finance committees started framing amendments to the Underwood bill at once. At 5 o'clock the period for hearing protests of business men against the tariff bill will expire.

President Wilson is scheduled to confer tonight with Chairman Glass, of the house banking committee. Later he will meet with the senate banking committee, hoping to get universal support for the bill when it is introduced.

On Trial for Manslaughter.

Bridgeport, Conn., May 27.—Facing a charge of manslaughter, President Charles S. Mellen and Vice-President E. H. McHenry, of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, went to trial today. The charges against Mellen and McHenry were brought about as a result of the Westport wreck last October, when several persons lost their lives and many more were injured. States attorney Judson appeared for the prosecution.

Hoppe to Play the Jap.

New York, May 27.—Two brilliant exponents of billiards will play here tonight when Champion William F. Hoppe defends his title against Koji Yamada, the Japanese expert, at the Hotel Astor. Yamada was the only player to score a victory against Hoppe in the tournament for the 18.2 balkline title last November.

IMBLER MAY BECOME CITY

ELECTION FOR THAT PURPOSE ORDERED.

Petition to Have an Election Is Granted by County Court.

Imbler is soon to vote on a matter of becoming an incorporated city. Yesterday in an adjourned session of the county court the petition asking for the rights to hold such an election was granted by County Judge Henry, and an order issued to call an election for that purpose. The date of the election has not been set.