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MULHALL LAYS BARE OLD CAMPAIGN SECRETS

LABOR UNIONS TOOLS TO BIG PARTY LEADERS

MULHALL NAMES MEN WHOM HE
WORKED WITH AND FOR
AS LOBBYIST.

O. P. USUALLY BACKED

Constitutional Testimony Given to Senate Committee Today Following Brush Between the House and Senate Probers—Complete List of the Transaction of Shady Nature Given Senators.

Washington, July 12.—How the National Association of Manufacturers used the leaders of the labor unions and through them re-elected Aldrich the senator from Rhode Island and defeated Senator McComas of Maryland at the re-election and defeated William Hughes, candidate for congress from New Jersey in 1904, was told before the senate lobby committee by Martin Mulhall, the self-confessed chief lobbyist and strike-breaker of capital organizations. The witness described the manipulation of the labor leaders and the hiring of prominent union men of Philadelphia and New York to accomplish the purpose. When asked to name the men who aided political fights, Mulhall said: "Michael Collins of Philadelphia, Secretary of the Building and Trades Council of Philadelphia, William Ryan, the electrical workers at New York, Jacob Cassiler, New York, George Burke, New Jersey, who was later named deputy collector of internal revenues."

Threats Sent to McComas. Mulhall said the National Manufacturers usually backed the republican candidates in the primaries. After Senator McComas was defeated, Marshall Cushing, then secretary of the association, sent him into "feel him out". Cushing, the witness said, told him McComas was a candidate for the federal bench and that Mulhall was to tell him that his advocacy of the eight hour bill had cost him his senatorship and that he ought to repudiate the advocacy of it. Cushing's letter which Mulhall directed him to burn, said: "If he really means to let up, you can promise him to remove any obstacles in the way of his political ambition." Mulhall testified that McComas refused to reverse advocacy of the eight hour bill.

Trouble Between Law Makers. As a result of reported jealousy between the senate and the house lobby investigating committees the senate committee met at nine instead of 10:30 today, with Mulhall on the stand. Chairman Overman sent a letter to Chairman Garrett of the house committee.

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DEATH BLOW DEALT BULGARS

GREEK CHURCHMEN SUBMITTED TO INDIGNITIES.

Before Final Retreat Occurs, Bulgars Massacre 200.

Athens, July 12.—A crushing defeat of the Bulgarians at Seres by the combined Greek and Serbian army forces is claimed in unofficial dispatches from the front. Greeks occupy the city and it is believed here Bulgaria will immediately sue for peace.

Before retreating the Bulgarians subjected 200 Greeks including high churchmen to unspeakable indignities and then murdered them.

Elgin Man "Steals" Son

JERRY DURHAM LEAVES HOME
WITH BOY.

THE MOTHER MOURNS

Mad Dash to La Grande Fails to Overtake Father and Son.

Elgin, July 13.—The Recorder asserts that domestic relations reached a breaking point in the family of Jerry Durham, ex-councilman, the latter part of last week and as a result that gentleman took his departure for parts unknown. His intention of leaving was known only to Mrs. Durham, it being reported that they agreed to lead separate lives, but when the husband made his departure he took with him their young son.

Durham secured a local auto driver and during Sunday afternoon slipped the boy out the back door of his home and was soon speeding on his way toward La Grande. Mrs. Durham soon discovered that he and the child were both gone and at once realized that he was attempting to get away with the boy. She rushed into town, and encountered Robert Smith, induced him to appropriate Dr. Whiting's auto and start in pursuit of the fleeing husband. Smith consented, Mrs. Durham agreeing to assume all responsibility and the two started in pursuit. They made the trip to La Grande in record time but found no trace of Durham, who had continued his journey to Hot Lake and boarded the train there. Whether he went east or west is not known, and up to this time no trace has been found of him and it is doubtful if Mrs. Durham ever recovers the boy.

A few days prior to Durham's departure he called at various places in town and paid all debts and since his departure it is known that at the time he was contemplating leaving, Durham has been a resident of Elgin several years and was a man of excellent habits and highly respected by all. Mrs. Durham is heart broken at the loss of the boy and the affair is deeply regretted by the friends of both parties.

Motorists to Denver.

Hutchinson, Kas., July 12.—The first of three big motorcycle tours from the Middle West to Denver for the annual convention of the Federation of American motorcyclists began today when 800 enthusiasts left on the sputtering two-wheeled machines for the Rocky Mountain metropolis. The bulk of the starters are from Indiana and Illinois. Five hundred left Indianapolis July 7. They were joined here by 300 Kansas and Missouri motorcyclists. They reach Denver about July 20. The eastern tour will leave Milwaukee tomorrow. About 400 will make this trip come to Denver by way of Chicago, Des Moines and Omaha.

New Courses Optional.

Salem, July 12.—(Special)—Pupils of the high schools of Oregon hereafter will have more freedom in choosing a course of study. Wide changes are made in the report of the committee appointed at a meeting of city and county superintendents in Portland, last week, now in the hands of Superintendent Churchill. The report is practically certain to be adopted. Five different courses are offered, with only two major studies in each. Each course will consist of at least four studies, leaving it to the individual pupil to elect half of the studies in any course he may choose.

Greatest Criminals Agriculturists.

Rome, July 12.—The "back to the farm" movement in Italy, especially as far as women are concerned, was given a bad set-back today when the government's criminal statistics were announced. They showed that during the past year nearly fifty-five per cent of the criminality among women was among those following agricultural pursuits. Servants made the showing, their figure being 39 per cent. The next best showing was found among women engaged in commercial pursuits.

Boillo Wins Grand Prix.

Amiens, France, July 12.—Boillo, driving a Peugeot car won the Grand Prix automobile race here today. Goux finished second in a Peugeot. Twenty started. Boillo's time for 503 miles was seven hours fifty-two minutes and fifty seconds.

PUBLIC FUNDS NEEDED IN WAR AGAINST PESTS

SUCH IS OPINION OF EXPERTS
WHO ADVISE THE LOCAL
ORCHARDMEN.

DISCUSS SELLING AGENCY

One Hundred Fruitmen of the Valley Gathered to Hear Final Action Taken on Selling Agency Scheme—Fire Blight Struggle Pictured by Expert—Funds Are Badly Needed.

Appropriation of county funds with which to judiciously and scientifically fight back the encroachments of fire blight in Grande Ronde valley, will be asked of county officials, and some of the fruit unions of the county announced their desire to join the North Pacific Fruit Distributors' union in a solution of the marketing question, as the consequences of a very momentous meeting of fully 100 fruit men of this county at the Commercial club this afternoon. Both topics were discussed in detail.

H. G. Barnes, manager of the Walla Walla district, which embraces Union county, and which is one of the nine in the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, and Trustee Hubbers also of Walla Walla, and one of the nine trustees which are to govern the marketing of these four states.

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POISON FOUND IN BAKER WELL

MRS. BAUMGARDNER, FORMERLY OF LA GRANDE

NEAR VICTIMS WERE FORMERLY IN LA GRANDE.

An attempt to murder the entire family of Mrs. John Bumgarner, now of South Baker, but formerly of La Grande, where they were implicated in family quarrels, occurred yesterday morning, but was frustrated only by the quick eye and suspicion of Mrs. Bumgarner, who just as she was about to draw a pail of water from the pump in the back yard, noticed a piece of white paper in the spout. The Baker Democrat adds: Wondering at this, she set the pail down and investigated. The paper proved to be the end of a wadding of a pound of strychnine loosely placed in the spout in such a manner that it would have been swept into the first pail of water drawn therefrom. The wrapping was all there, labeled poison, and on investigating it proved such.

Mrs. Bumgarner removed the drug or as much of it as possible, and the sheriff's office was notified of the attempt, which, if successful would have claimed the lives of all drinking the water. Mrs. Bumgarner's family consists of herself and six children the oldest being a young man of 21 years and the others of varying ages. If the small visible portion of the wrapping paper had escaped her eye, a tragedy resulting in several deaths could not have been avoided, as the poison was in such quantity that all who drank water from the pail in which the first motion of the pump would have swept it, would have perished before aid could have been extended them.

Mrs. Bumgarner recently secured a divorce from her husband, who is not now in the city. Sheriff Rand has a clue to the identity of the perpetrator of the attempted wholesale murder, but owing to various circumstances in connection with the case will not make a statement at this time. The wrapping paper on the poison bore the label of a local drug

Hand Holding Now Popular



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Washington, July 12.—(Special)—Lovers take notice, (this also applies to married couples who are still on friendly terms), the president of the United States has revived and sanctioned an old custom by walking along the streets holding hands, lovelike with his wife.

Shortly before the marriage of the Princess Louise and the Prince Ernest August, of Cumberland, the Kaiser's daughter and her fiancé set the fashion of walking upon streets of Berlin hand in hand. Formerly it had been considered very poor form in good society to do such a thing. Apparently the custom has spread

to the United States, for the accompanying photograph, taken at the summer capital, Cornish, N. H., shows President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson holding hands on the street. Perhaps it was merely shyness on the president's part at having his photograph taken, but that is not likely in view of the fact that he is smiling, as is Mrs. Wilson, and in view of the fact that he has already been photographed several times. Very soon it may become the common custom for engaged and married couples to walk upon the streets hand in hand.

PROGRAM FOR PIONEERS OUT

DIFFICULTIES OF TRANSPORTATION CREEP OUT.

Union Delegation to Have Special Train Early In Day.

Committees in charge of the Union County Pioneers' meeting at Cove on the morning of July 23, have announced the basis of the program for that day. Provision to bring the Union end of the county to Cove at 9 o'clock have been made by the committees in charge but no tangible arrangements for the north end and west end pioneers can yet be made. The individual pioneers will probably have to depend on their own transportation unless No. 10 is boarded here at an early hour in the morning, which would take the visitors to Union in time to catch the special train out of there by 9 o'clock. Rev. Cockrum, of Union will deliver the principal address to the pioneers and the following program has been arranged by the committee on program of which M. L. Carter of lower Cove, is chairman:

Music—by the band.
Address of welcome—Dunham Wright, of Medical Springs.
Piano solo—Effie Conley.
Business meeting of the pioneers.
Recitation—Walter Daron.
Song and chorus—by Mt. Fannie Quartet; words by M. L. Carter.
Address—Rev. Cockrum of Union.
Song—C. P. Ferrin.
Recitation—Kate Geckler.
Banjo solo—George Jones.
Original poem—written and read by M. L. Carter.
Old Fiddlers' contest.
Japanese drill—By Young America of lower Cove.

store and it is likely through this lead the officers are working, although they will not now make known the details of their investigation.

Johnson Reaffirms decision.

London, July 12.—Jack Johnson arrived here today from Paris. He reiterated the declaration that he would not return to America.

50 CHICKENS DIE IN BLAZE

ALARM TO NORTHSIDE FIRE COMES FROM SOUTH.

Barn and Hen House Rented by Mill Employee Destroyed.

Fifty chickens, approximately, were burned to death in a fire at 2 o'clock this morning that destroyed a hen house and a barn on Z avenue. The chickens were the property of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, who occupy the home and rented the barn in which the fire, of unknown origin, prevailed. The blaze was located at a point directly opposite the Palmer mill boarding house and because of a heavy wind sweeping over the fire, the many houses in that vicinity, occupied principally by the Palmer mill employees, were threatened. The home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Smith was directed in the path of the flying sparks but because of prompt appearance of the fire department after the longest run the auto has yet made, the other buildings were saved.

None of the residents in than vicinity knew of the fire until after the department had reached the territory. L. M. Hoyt was awakened at his home on Main and Cedar by the glare of the fire at 2 o'clock and turned in the alarm from there. There was but one individual in sight when the department reached the fire. The blaze had been under way so long that there was no opportunity of saving that structure or of saving the hen house where the chickens were housed. To save the dwellings, however, occupied the attention of the department.

It is difficult to determine just how many chickens were burned to death as some escaped but the owners estimate that 50 were cremated.

Conference of Charities Adjourns.

Seattle, Wash., July 12.—Having been in session since Saturday, July 5, the National Conference of Charities and Correction adjourned today. Many of the hundreds of delegates from all over the country who attended will remain over to take part in special services to be held in most of the churches of Seattle tomorrow.

CONDUCTORS AND TRAINMEN SHOWING FIGHT

COMMITTEE OF ONE THOUSAND
GATHERED AT NEW YORK
TODAY.

STRIKE ORDERS DUE SOON

That Forty Roads of the East May Be Tied Up at Once Is Indicated From Earnestness of Deliberations—Eleventh Hour—Peace Offerings From Railroads Are Not Expected.

New York, July 12.—With the sanction to walk out practically a foregone conclusion, the committee of a thousand Railway Conductors and Brotherhood of Railway trainmen met today to ratify the strike vote taken by about 100,000 members of the two organizations on 40 eastern roads. Whether the strike orders will be issued to day or tomorrow is uncertain but the chances of an eleventh hour peace offer from the railroads is considered remote. The men demand an increase of wages.

Ninety-Four Per Cent Favor Strike

It has been known for several days that the referendum resulted in about 94 per cent of the members favoring a strike unless the union's demands for increased wages were met by the railroads. It is authoritatively stated that the committee of a thousand will appoint a sub committee to see President Wilson.

The committee failed to reach a decision at the morning session as to ordering the strike.

"Mooseheart" Is Subject.

Albany, July 12.—Business session in the morning and early afternoon and a parade later in the afternoon comprised today's program of the annual convention of the Hudson Valley Association of the Loyal Order of Moose. At a session this evening, Rev. Dr. Rondthaler, governor general of the junior order, will describe the "Mooseheart" located in Aurora, Ill. where the college for the education of the children of members, homes for orphans and the aged, and other buildings, are located. At business sessions this morning Lester W. Bloch, director of Albany Lodge, reported that the order of Moose now consists of 1,358 lodges and approximately 700,000 members who annually contribute \$1 each, for the upkeep of the buildings at Mooseheart, and other places.

BRICK CRASH INTO CELLAR

TEMPORARY STRUCTURE GIVES WAY WITH BRICK.

Workman Falls With the Load But Escapes All Injuries.

Brick torn from the rear wall of the Jay Brooks building to make room for the new additions, piled on a temporary scaffolding over the new excavated basement on the alley between Depot and Elm, proved too heavy a load for the scaffolding this forenoon and broke through the supports carrying a couple ton of brick and a man down with it. William Thompson, a workman on the project, fell with the crash but escaped all injury as he was standing in such a way as not to become buried by timbers and brick. The basement is about 10 feet deep and the fall was a similar distance. The removal of the debris occupied several hours' time.