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SENATOR GORE HAS NO FEARS OF CONVICTION

GOES TO TRIAL ON ASSAULT
CHARGE EXPRESSING CON-
FIDENCE IN HIMSELF.

WIFE LEADS BLIND SENATOR TO SEAT

Mrs. Bond's Suit, Charging Assault
and Defamation of Character,
Comes to Trial in Oklahoma City
Today—Gore Wants Case to "Let
the Bars Down"—Termed Politics.

Oklahoma City, Ok., Feb. 11.—Suit
brought by Mrs. Minnie Bond against
United States Senator Thomas Pryor
Gore, the blind statesman, went to
trial before Judge Clark today. Mrs.
Bond asks \$30,000 damages, alleging
defamation of character and an at-
tempt to assault her in a Washington
hotel in March, 1912.

"I want them to let the bars down,"
said the blind statesman before the
trial commenced. "They say they
can prove damaging things against
my character, but I will prove the
suit is a frame-up to ruin me politi-
cally."

The opening statements occupied
the morning session of the court.

Mrs. Gore led her husband to the
court house and sat beside him dur-
ing the trial.

LEAGUE SHOWS ACTIVITY

Prisoners Visited, Sick Comforted and
Needy Helped.

Active work done by the Mercy and
Help department of the Epworth league
of this city, was told in a report
filed with the department last night
by Mrs. W. F. Ashman, president of
that branch of the league. Calls made
on the sick number 37, calls made on
strangers 27, and calls were made on
prisoners at the county jail. Three
lunches were sent to sick. Groceries
have been sent to poor and needy and
55 pieces of garments distributed.
Many helped the department in this
work.

Eighteen church periodicals were
sent to jail prisoners and eight indi-
viduals. Four house plants and
two bouquets were sent to sick and
25 picture cards were sent to sick
children.

SUICIDE WAVE SWEEPS SOUTH

THIRTEEN TRY TO SUICIDE AT
NEW ORLEANS.

Five Successful in the Attempts—
Others May Yet Die.

New Orleans, Feb. 11.—A suicidal
wave hit this city last night. Eight
despondent men and five women at-
tempted in various parts of the city
last night to commit suicide. Five
of the lot were successful and some
of the others may die. Various meth-
ods of self-imposed death were tried.

TOKIO RIOTS LEAD TO MANY ARRESTS.

Tokio, Feb. 11.—A large num-
ber of prisoners are in jail to-
day awaiting trial in connection
with the attempt to storm par-
liament house subsequent to the
street riotry. Officials have hard-
ly tried to conceal the alarm felt
over the outbreak. The riot had
a spontaneity of volume which
overcame everyone.

SETTLER OF 1862 PASSES

ASHER R. ROBINSON, AGED 85,
DIES AT COVE.

Panama Trip, California, Mining, Pack
Train, Farming, His Line.

Asher R. Robinson, generally con-
ceded to be the first permanent set-
tler of the Cove country, and who
came to Grande Ronde valley via the
hazardous Panama trip, considerably
over 50 years ago, died last night
at his home in Cove, aged 85 years.
All the vicissitudes of early travel,
mining and pack train life were his.
He went through almost an ordinary
life's time period of hardships of the
frontier sort before he reached Cove
and since 1862 has made that section
his continuous home. The funeral
will be held tomorrow.

Asher Robinson was born in Som-
erset county, Pa., July 27, 1829, mak-
ing him 85 at the time of his death.
When seven years of age his parents
took him to Michigan.

Goes West Via Panama.

In 1849 he went to the Pinerias
and in 1856 he started on the long
and dangerous trip via Panama to the
Pacific coast, landing in Sierra coun-
ty, Calif., in due time, and there
went to mining. Though successful
only on a small scale, he prospected
along the Okanogan and Similkameen
rivers, and then went to Walla
Walla and operated a pack train to
the mining camps of Northern Idaho,
in partnership with Ed. Payne. In
October 1862, he came to the Grande
Ronde valley, with his train and at
once took up a government claim
two miles from the present townsite
of Cove. Stock raising and farming
occupied him, and in 1885 he went
into partnership with Ed. Payne. In
the same year he sold out and went
into the livery business at Cove which
ran successfully for a time and then
retired from active business life to
enjoy a life with more leisure.

Mr. Robinson married Mrs. Sarah
A. Burge in 1865 and two children
were born to them; Edward, born
June 5, 1866, later operating a Cove
drug store, and Rosetta, born April
12, 1869, and who later married David
H. Layne of Cove. Mrs. Robinson
died October 4, 1899.

Government Road Money Looms.

The Shackelford \$25,000,000 good
roads bill was passed yesterday and
if adopted by the senate will give
Oregon material road funds. It is
generally known that because of the
enormity of the state in area, the
post roads mileage ranks high, form-
ing a substantial basis for Oregon
claims to big portions of the sum.

The bill, which now goes to the
state appropriates \$25,000,000 to be
divided, \$65,000 to each state and the
remainder among the states on the
basis of population and the number of
miles of post roads. Each state must
co-operate by appropriating a dollar
for every dollar furnished by the
federal government.

However, the bill is generally con-
sidered a chief benefactor to the east-
ern states.

MINERS FREE OF BLAME IN COPPER STRIKE

INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE IN-
FERS EMPLOYERS CAUSE
OF PRESENT WAR.

COLORADO MILITIAMEN IN STRIKE ZONE PREJUDICED

John Lawson Tells Colorado Commit-
tee That Militiamen Used Their In-
fluence to Get Miners to Go Back
to Work as Strikebreakers—Com-
mittee Continues Investigation.

Washington, Feb. 11.—A clean bill
of health was given the Western Fed-
eration of Miners in the report of the
Industrial Relations committee which
investigated the strike conditions in
Michigan. By inference the report
blames the operators for the strike
now in progress in the copper mine
states.

Militia Influence Described.

Denver, Feb. 11.—Describing the at-
tempts of miners, made before the
strike to obtain a conference with
employers, John Lawson of the United
Mine Workers' International board,
resumed his testimony today before
the congressional committee which is
investigating the labor war in the
coal fields. Lawson charged that
after the walkout, militiamen on duty
in the fields used all their influence
possible to persuade the miners to re-
turn as strike breakers.

HOTEL MAN RETURNS

Geo. Good Back From State Wide
Trip—Business Generally Good.

After a state-wide tour that took
him up and down the western and
southern part of the state, Geo. E.
Good, owner and manager of the Som-
mer hotel, is back at his desk in the
hotel today. Railroad development
work is going to open up with alacrity
as soon as the winter is over, Mr.
Good found. In a few lone spots
business is only fair, but on the
whole conditions were found to be
excellent. He visited his son, Gene,
at the University of Oregon, and
called on old time friends both in
Grants pass and Salem, his former
homes. Mrs. Good will remain in
Portland for a few days.

Hoff Wants Re-Election.

Salem, Feb. 11.—State Labor Com-
missioner Hoff announced his candi-
dacy for re-election on the republican
ticket.

BAKER WRESTLES WITH RABIES

Baker, Feb. 11.—The heads of a dog
and coyote, both believed to have been
infected with rabies, will be sent to-
day by Dr. Notz, county stock inspec-
tor, to the state bacteriologist for ex-
amination. The dog was found yes-
terday afternoon on Valley avenue
and several physicians who examined
the animal diagnosed its disease as
rabies. This is the first instance of
the disease in the city limits since
the scare of the past few days, and
it is sufficient to cause alarm. When
the facts were communicated to May-
or Palmer he stated that a special

BITTER COLD WAVE SWEEPS MIDDLEWEST

THIRTY-TWO BELOW ZERO THE
RECORD SET AT DEVILS
LAKE, N. D.

BIG AREA TO FEEL A NEW BLAST TONIGHT

Heavy Snow Fall In La Grande Like-
ly to Lead to Temporary Grief In
the Event of Sudden Thaw—Gutters
Cleaned and Ordinary Liquidation
Would Cause No Inconvenience.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—Sharp drops in
temperature are predicted for the ter-
ritory between the Rockies and the
Great Lakes. Temperatures from
five to 25 below are expected tonight.
Thirty-five below was the record at
Devils Lake, N. D., the coldest place
in the country last night.

WET SNOW FALLS

Streets Subject to Flood In Case of
Sudden Thaw Today.

Wet, stoggy snow that has filled
the street gutters with great quan-
tities of semi-liquid snow, and would
cause a momentary surface flood in
the event of a sudden thaw, today
bids well to add materially to the
total precipitation this month. The
street department has opened the gut-
ters and sewers with the big scraper
and ordinary liquidation of the snow
will be handled with no inconvenience.
Last night alone .25 inches of precip-
itation was recorded. Snow fell al-
most continually for 20 hours.

RAILROADS TO BE DISSOLVED

Central Pacific and Southern Pacific
to Be Divorced.

Salt Lake, Feb. 11.—Federal Dis-
trict Attorney Ray today filed suit
in the federal district court to divorce
the Southern Pacific and Central Pa-
cific railroads. Governor West sought
to have the case postponed, reasoning
that the dissolution suit at this time
would hamper development work in
the state. The attorney general, how-
ever, informed the governor that the
suit had been determined upon after
mature deliberation, but intimated
that any information that he or any
one would have to offer would be
heard at the preliminary hearing.

Just when the remodeled four-story
Bohnenkamp building had been tinted
and papered, the fourth story of the
building was flooded late yesterday
afternoon when, through some un-
known cause, a two-inch water pipe
on that floor poured out a great quan-
tity of water and flooded the entire
floor. The water leaked through to
the next floor, discoloring much of
the paper and the tinting, and dam-
aging some of the goods.

WATER INJURES STORE

Open Cock Floods Top Floor of Boh-
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The leaking scarcely escaped an en-
tire outlay of new casquets of the most
exquisite design and workmanship,
and would have ruined most of them.
Just what caused the stop cock to be
open is not known. At first it
was thought the pipe had burst, but
this was not the case.

The new store has been completely
overhauled and now ranks among the
finest in the city in the nature of
equipment and interior and exterior
finish. The new hydraulic elevator
is being installed, which will give
them the best of service. Much new

POTOMAC AND HER CREW BELIEVED LOST.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Navy
department officials have become
extremely anxious concerning
the tug Potomac, lost in the icy
north seas off Cape Breton.
Hundreds of wireless calls from
North Sydney are without re-
sponse. She has a crew of 36,
and was sent to rescue some
American fishermen.

STATUTORY CASES MANY

FIVE FORMS OF STATUTORY IN-
DICTMENTS OUT.

What Is Believed to Be Record Is Set
By Present Grand Jury.

What is unquestionably the biggest
batch of indictments hinging on stat-
utory charges that one grand jury has
brought out in this county in one ses-
sion for many years, is being ground
out this month. Already five indict-
ments have been returned on some
form of statutory offense. Some
of those indicted have been arrested
and arraigned, but others have yet to
be arrested. If the cases are tried
this term, circuit court will hear
evidences of ruined lives to such an
extent as has not been equalled be-
fore, it is believed. The grand jury
had a busy session of it again today,
and it is barely possible that still
other cases will come to light.
Important matters known to be
before the grand jury will likely
occupy more attention than can be
given today and it is not certain that
the inquisitors will conclude their
February term tonight as was anti-
cipated.

Zimmerle Case On Today.

A case that has once before been
in court, is back for retrial today
after a journey to the supreme court.
David Zimmerle, as manager of the
Grande Ronde Orchard company, al-
leges that F. P. Childers, as sheriff
of Union county, sold some attached
goods which were Zimmerle's and not
the company's. The lower court
found for Zimmerle, but on an appeal
the case was sent back for retrial.

Toy L. Young, a local Chinese, will
figure in the next case called. He
is suing Ed. Wolfe, of Telocast.

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FEDERAL SHIP ON MYSTERIOUS WAR MISSIONS

FEDERAL GUNBOAT ZEARGOZA
DROPS ANCHOR OFF NEW
ORLEANS AT NOON.

VARIOUS RUMORS OF HER MISSION THERE AFLOAT

Passes Jackson Barracks With Salute
—Believed She May Either Want
to Waylay Rebel Boats or Is After
Ammunition For the Federal Gov-
ernment at Vera Cruz.

New Orleans, Feb. 11.—A Mexican
federal gunboat, the Zearoga, arrived
from Vera Cruz today noon and fired
a 21-gun salute as she passed the
Jackson barracks. There was no
response. According to one version,
the gunboat, after passing the three
mile limit, will wait to waylay im-
provised fighting vessels reported to
be ready to go south for the rebels
to shell coast ports. Rebels are
reported to be equipping such vessels
now. Another account is that she
came to buy arms and ammunition.
Much mystery is occasioned.

Mexico City, Feb. 11.—Fearing that
today, the anniversary of Francisco
Madero's assassination, might be
chosen for an uprising against him,
Huerta maintained an elaborate pre-
caution against outbreak. He didn't
trust the police but kept the military
patrols moving through the streets
preventing gatherings of the people.
Strong bodies of soldiers held strat-
egic points. His artillery stood in
readiness to sweep the thoroughfares
at short notice.

stock has just come in a full car of
furniture for the establishment.

Hal Bohnenkamp has returned from
Portland and will devote himself to
the undertaking business most of the
time, while Chase will operate the
delivery end of the establishment.
In a sense the recent fire has been
the prompting of extensive remodel-
ing and amplifying of the building
and the interior equipment.

SCHMIDT MUST DIE IN CHAIR

PRISONER GOES THROUGH THE
ORDEAL COOLY.

Appearance Is Improved and Sentence
Has No Effect On Him.

New York, Feb. 11.—Hans Schmidt
who murdered Anna Aumuller and
cut her body into fragments, and
dropped it piece by piece into the
river, was today sentenced to die in
the electric chair during the week
beginning March 23. He stood erect
throughout the ordeal and showed no
emotion. Motions for a retrial to
stay the execution were overruled.

Improved appearance in the pris-
oner is marked. His eye is bright
and his color good. He was immedi-
ately taken to Sing Sing to await
execution.