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INDICTED MOODY.

FEDERAL GRAND JURY RE-
TURNS A BILL AGAINST
EX-CONGRESSMAN FROM
OREGON.

Took a Letter Addressed to Another
From Postoffice at The Dalles,
and, it is Alleged did not
Deliver it—He Denies

Portland Or., Oct. 28.—The Journal says: Malcom A. Moody, ex-congressman for the Second district of Oregon, was indicted this morning by the grand jury accused of opening and destroying letters addressed to Mrs. Margaret L. Conroy of The Dalles. Mr. Moody's home. The letters were from the comptroller of the currency to Mrs. Conroy, in connection with affairs of The Dalles National bank, of which Mr. Moody was president.

The indictment of the federal grand jury alleges that Mr. Moody sent to the postmaster at The Dalles, J. M. Paterson, and represented to him that he would, if it were delivered to him, readdress a certain letter and forward it to Mrs. Conroy. The letter containing a receipt for her signatures to the comptroller of the currency for her final dividend of 16.03 per cent, or \$360.60, which was her claim as one of the depositors of the defunct bank then in the hands of the receiver; that he destroyed the letter.

The indictment does not state all of the allegations the government will make. One of the witnesses says that it will be alleged that the depositor, Mrs. Conroy, had interest coming to her on the amount of her claim, and that \$92 was retained by Mr. Moody, which was deducted from the total of \$360.60, only the principal being handed to her, or \$268.60.

The statement of the witness is that Mrs. Conroy called at the office of the receiver and he said to her that she had a check from the comptroller coming to her stating the amount; that she stated that she had already received the money and when she told him the amount he informed her that the sum was larger; that the postal inspector had his attention called to the matter, and that the grand jury's attention was called to it through the inspector.

The following account is developed from other sources.

The transaction on which the charge arises relates to the final payment to depositors of The Dalles National bank at Dalles City Oregon of which Mr. Moody was an officer, the department at Washington had declared the final dividend and sent letters to the depositors, addressed to them at The Dalles, notifying them that their final dividend had been declared. Numbers of the persons to whom these letters had been addressed did not reside at The Dalles, and the postmaster asked Mr. Moody to assist him in finding their addresses, which he did. There remained some letters addressed to persons whose addresses were not known, among others, a Mrs. Conroy. Upon inquiry Mr. Moody found that she lived in Albina, and the day of the presidential reception in Portland, called up Mrs. Conroy by telephone and informed her of the fact that the final dividend had been declared. He made an appointment with her for the following morning at her residence, but being at the presidential banquet that night, did not arise in time to see her before The Dalles train left, which he was to take. He went to The Dalles the same morning and immediately telephoned Mrs. Conroy excusing himself for not calling, and asking her instructions about the matter. She replied that she would be in The Dalles in a few days and wanted to know of Mr. Moody if she could get the money there. He told her "No," that the money was in Washington. She said she was disappointed as she was closing up some business matters in The Dalles and wanted the money, and asked Mr. Moody if he could procure it for her. He answered her in the negative, but told her that the First National bank of The Dalles had formerly taken up

some of the certificates, but were not at that time doing so.

Upon her request, however, Mr. Moody asked the bank if they would cash her certificate, and the bank agreed to do so. Mrs. Conroy came to The Dalles and visited Mr. Moody, and at her request he calculated the interest on her certificates, which she assigned to the First National bank of The Dalles and got a written request from Mr. Moody to the bank to pay her the money. She took the assigned certificate to the bank and received the money. After she had received the money and some time during the same afternoon she saw Mr. Wilson, who had been the receiver at the bank, and he informed her that she had not received the full amount due on her certificates. Mr. Wilson came to Mr. Moody and told him that Mrs. Conroy was dissatisfied, and Mr. Moody told him that as the bank did not desire to cash the certificate, he had no doubt that it would return her the certificate and take the money back. That was done the same afternoon. Mr. Moody opened the letter in her presence which had been addressed to Mrs. Conroy, and gave her the receipt which it contained, for her to sign, which she did. She then took the receipt and mailed it herself to the department at Washington, and received the money there in due course of time.

The charge is that Mr. Moody withheld from Mrs. Conroy the letter from the department. His counsel says, however, that he did not do so, but acted in the transaction solely at her own request and without any interest whatever in the matter. The letter was a printed circular notifying the depositors of the fact that the final dividend was ready to be made, and contained a receipt for the depositors' signature, for the amount of the payment.

The United States statute under which the indictment is drawn, makes it an offense for a person to take a letter from the post-office or mail-carrier, or that has been in the postoffice, with design to obstruct the correspondence of the person to whom it is addressed, or to pry into the secret or business of such person, or to destroy or embezzle such letter. The indictment charges all the elements recited in the statute.

Mr. Moody's counsel say that the grand jury put an unfavorable construction upon these facts; that it was an entirely innocent transaction, and that the indictment is the result of purely malicious and personal enmity against him, and that Mrs. Conroy is a mere instrument in the hands of others.

Sheridan, Or., Oct. 27.—No definite clue has been gained of the desperadoes who successfully blew up the Scroggin bank here early yesterday morning. It has been ascertained, however, that three men were seen in the vicinity of the Balston schoolhouse about dawn yesterday. They were in a carriage and were driving rapidly. It cannot be gained whether these men were the ones that did the safe-cracking. It is also reported that two men were seen east of Bellview mounted on horses. There seems to be a doubt in the minds of the police whether the robbers rode away in a vehicle or on horseback.

A reward of \$1,500 has been raised through the efforts of Mayor Eskin and today he is in communication with the county commissioners for the purpose of getting them to add \$500.

The bank officials are very reticent over the affair and state that their loss will probably amount to about the sum published yesterday—\$700.

Depositors of the institution are not making any demonstration, as it is known that the loss of money will not in any way effect the standing of the concern.

The clerk in the Sheridan House states that a few minutes before the explosion he looked out upon the street and saw a man standing on the opposite corner from the hotel. Believing that he was a late traveler he paid no attention to the matter, although it is a very unusual occurrence for people to be about town at that unseemly hour.

It is now believed by the men who have scoured the country near and within many miles of this place that the robbers have made their escape into Portland, and are at this time hiding in the city where detection is less likely to occur.

PRESIDENT DIAZ

PRESIDENT OF MEXICO WAS
FIRED UPON IN STREET
CAR.

Five Shots Were Fired at the Car
by Elias Toscano, Who Has a
Bad Record—The Oregon
Conspirators.

Guansjato, Mex., Oct. 27.—Great excitement was caused here today by what looked like an attempt on the life of President Diaz, who was a guest of the state government during the festivities here. The president, his staff and guests were passing by the Oantador Garden in a street-car when a man of the lower class by the name of Elias Toscano approached the car shouting and fired five shots from a revolver at the car, fortunately doing no harm.

Pablo E-canadon, of the president's staff, rushed from the car and caught the man, wrenching the revolver from his grasp. The police took Toscano to prison.

Toscano is a man of bad record, and was but recently released from prison at Granditas, where he had served a term for homicide. The matter will be investigated. One theory is that Toscano was drunk, and another that he deliberately planned to shoot the chief magistrate.

The president remained perfectly school, and was acclaimed by the crowd of citizens showing their joy at his escape.

Toscano's evil record makes the theory of a deliberate attempt at assassination more probable.

The president has received the felicitation of the citizens and diplomatic corps here.

Washington, Oct. 28.—An interesting discovery in connection with the land frauds investigation is the fact that the records which might, or might not have thrown light on the present situation were destroyed by Binger Hermann, shortly before he left the General Land office. Hermann had in his private office a set of some 36 letter press copy-books, each of which was marked "personal" on its face. These books he turned over to an employe of the office with instructions to take them out, tear the books vertically down the page, and to throw in the waste pile the outer half pages. This was done and the other half pages were removed with waste papers. A few days later the covers and stubs of the pages were likewise destroyed. The contents of these books is unknown, but there is reason to believe that at least a large part of the letters were of a personal nature. They were all written by Mr. Hermann, but whether these files would have bearing on the present investigation, Mr. Hermann alone can tell.

Washington, Oct. 25.—Two weeks from tomorrow the Fifty-eighth congress will meet in extra session. The halls of congress are ready and all arrangements have been made for what promises to be a most interesting session.

In the senate there are 46 vacancies to be filled by republicans on 31 committees. The vacant chairmanships are in the places that were filled by the late Senator McMillan and former Senators Mason, Wellington, Jones of Nevada, Pritchard, Daboe and Simon. There will be fifty-three committee places to be filled by democrats. The chairmanship vacated by Mr. Vest on the committee of public health and national quarantine will be filled by a democrat. All other chairmanships will go to republicans.

In the house the republican plan is to have very little doing until the regular session.

There will be any number of bills and resolutions introduced in the House and Senate during the first few days of the session.

It is not at all likely that the friends of an interoceanic canal by any route—Nicaragua or Panama—will allow the senate to waste any time.

Lost.

Ladies wheel. It was taken from the corner of Third & Adams Thursday or Friday. Is an Imperial. Reward for information or recovery. Leave at Times office.

Chicago, Oct. 28.—Mayor Harrison has decided to become a candidate for the nomination for the presidency on the democratic ticket next year. In making this decision, it is said, he is influenced more by the possibility of being the nominee in 1908 than he is in 1904. Democratic leaders are not hopeful of electing their candidate next year, but the Mayor believes the democratic nominee will be able to make such a good showing against President Roosevelt that he will be the logical candidate for renomination in 1908, the year the democrats expect a political landslide which will sweep them into power again.

The mayor will go to the national convention, at the head of the Illinois delegation. Incidentally he hopes to be made national committeeman, if he fails to secure the nomination for the presidency. His friends argue he is the only democrat in the West who can unite the party, as they believe if ex-President Cleveland is able to dictate the nomination, if he does not take it himself, there will be a third ticket in the field, because Mr. Bryan and his followers are not expected to accept Mr. Cleveland.

Columbus, O., Oct. 28.—A deputy United States Marshal today received from the district attorney at Cincinnati a request for the arrest of Mrs. Samuel Boswell, of this city on the charge of using the mails to defraud, but she was too ill to be taken into custody.

It is alleged in the affidavit that Mrs. Boswell sent through the mails a letter to Z. L. White, a leading merchant of Columbus, demanding that he pay her \$500 or certain facts would be exposed. It is alleged that the woman sent a similar letter to Senator Hanna demanding \$500.

The name "Anna Lynn" was signed to the letter in both instances. The identity of the sender was ascertained through a decoy letter. When confronted by a post-office inspector, it is alleged Mrs. Boswell admitted having sent the letters, saying she knew nothing derogatory to the persons to whom they had been addressed, and her act was inspired solely by a desire to obtain money.

When the deputy marshal called at the Boswell residence this afternoon to serve the warrant, he found the woman suffering from nervous prostration and unable to be moved from the house. An agreement was made by which Mrs. Boswell will be arraigned before a United States commissioner as soon as she has sufficiently recovered. Mrs. Boswell is 55 years old. Her husband is a traveling salesman.

Marceline, Mo., Oct. 29.—Mrs. Booth-Tucker died at 2:50 o'clock this morning, just as the train bearing her and the other wounded pulled into the station here.

Consul Booth Tucker had been visiting the Salvation Army colony at Amity, Colo. She stopped in Kansas City to inspect a large workmen's hotel that the army was opening here, and departed last night for New York. She was to have been met in Chicago today by Commander Booth-Tucker.

The train ran into an open switch and struck a large steel water tank with such force as to move it five feet from its foundation and throw five cars from the track completely wrecking them. The only cars escaping were the mail, express and day coaches.

Wood, Inquire at Times office.

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