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PROSECUTION IN NOME CONTEMPT CASE ALMOST DONE

Burnham and Geary Give Conflicting Evidence and Deny Each Other's Allegations

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—The prosecution case in the Nome contempt proceedings was nearly completed today before United States Commissioner George W. Wainwright. The taking of testimony resumed with Deputy Marshal Burnham and Attorney Thomas J. Geary, in which the lawyer said that Noyes and McKenna did not meet in his office soon after McKenna's arrest. Burnham also testified that McKenna was present when Geary presented a petition for a writ of habeas corpus for McKenna's release on bail.

Geary was recalled to the stand by his attorney, James C. Maffie, and said that Burnham is mistaken in his testimony about McKenna being present at the time the witness appeared for a petition for a writ of habeas corpus. He said that he saw Noyes and McKenna together on the day McKenna was arrested, and that is just what he advised him against doing.

Geary was then asked if Attorney Hume, one of the principal witnesses against Noyes, had said anything to him about making a statement in which Noyes asked him to state that certain suits were filed in the Judge's chambers. Geary replied that Hume told him the statement or affidavit was a lie, and that the papers were made with the Judge in his room at the Golden Gate Hotel.

William Britt, a reporter, was then called to the stand. He was in Nome at the time of McKenna's arrest. Asked if he saw Noyes and McKenna together on the day McKenna was arrested, he said he did.

Attorney Nelson was then called and he corroborated the statement of Britt that they saw Noyes and McKenna together in Geary's office on the day of the receiver's arrest.

After the proceedings in the Court of Appeals, Britt was called to the stand again and asked if he had any prejudice against Noyes. He said he had worked for the Nome Chronicle, which was assaulting Noyes, but personally he had nothing against the jurist.

Attorney McLaughlin called ex-Judge C. S. Johnson to the stand and asked him if he had attached his signature to a letter written to Amicus Curiae Pillsbury on behalf of Mr. Hume, who desired to be immune from prosecution for injury to the scandal, because of Hume's activity in collecting evidence against Judge Noyes.

"I did, but I did not read the letter, so I do not know what it contained. I presume that it related to Mr. Hume," replied the witness. "The letter, which was presented by Mr. Pick, was for the purpose of protecting Mr. Hume from Judge Noyes."

"Do you know if anything was said as to unlawful proceedings against persons who actually prosecuted McKenna?"

"Yes," replied the witness. "Mr. Pick told me that the letter was written because they would make it warm for Hume."

A recess was taken until tomorrow at 2 o'clock.

MINES THAT ARE RICH

Ores at Rodman Bay, Alaska, Give Great Promise

SEATTLE, Oct. 22.—A special to the Times from Sitka, Alaska, dated October 19, says:

According to reliable information the Rodman Bay mines are likely to exceed in magnitude the famous Treadwell mines on Douglas Island. Rodman Bay is about 50 miles from Sitka, and the mines are located on a small island. The mines are operated by the Rodman Bay Company, a corporation financed principally with English capital. The company has made no effort to give publicity to the work going on, and as a result few realize the immensity of the work mapped out and actually under way.

The mines are located about seven or eight miles from Sitka, in a valley. The ore treated shows itself to be of a low grade, but in great quantities. It is believed that the mountain at the foot of which the shafts are being sunk is a solid mass of low-grade ore, running from 25 to 30 ft. In any event the Rodman Bay Company has faith enough in its project to expend a lavish outlay of money, and is going to have everything in perfect shape when actual mining is commenced.

Work at all the mines in the vicinity of Silver Bay, seven miles from Sitka, has been pushed to the utmost this summer. At the Lucky Chance a tramway three miles long has been constructed and it is hoped to have the stamps at work in the near future. It is confidently expected that the ore will run at least 30 to the ton. It has been said in regard to this mine that while there are good leads, there is no assurance that any will be permanent.

At Japansky Island

Work on the large Government coal shed at Japansky Island was stopped for a few hours this week by reason of a strike. There has long been a feud between the men and Foreman Young, which culminated in a refusal to continue work when he discharged a carpenter. Contractor James, of Juneau, was not present, and the trouble was successfully adjusted by Captain J. H. Pendleton. A new foreman was appointed and peace was restored.

No More Smallpox

The last vestige of the famous smallpox scare disappeared a week ago, when permission was granted Indians to go on the dock when steamers were in port. This had not been allowed for over six months for fear of contagion.

On Trial for Murder

Homer Bird, who has once been sentenced to death for one of the most cowardly murders in Alaska, is on trial for his life at Juneau. About three years ago Bird, in company with three male comrades and one female, were gold prospecting on the Yukon. They were living in a small boat, according to the money Bird shot two of his companions without cause and drove another ashore. The woman escaped. Bird was caught through the efforts of the man who was driven ashore. He was tried, convicted and sentenced to be hanged, but was granted a new trial through technicalities.

HIS ONE DESIRE

It is to be a Soldier and Has Got Him Into Trouble

ILWACO, Wash., Oct. 22.—Private Mullen's escape from a guard at Fort Canby Friday, and his recapture later, developed a sad story. He is a boy about 18 years of age, and his ambition to become a soldier and the objection of his parents has caused him to enlist falsely, and to serve one sentence in prison and a longer term now stands before him.

He says from his childhood he has had but one desire, and that was to become a soldier. His parents have always objected. Before he was 18 years of age he ran away from home and enlisted under an assumed name, and served in the army for three months and was honorably discharged. He served out his term on the dismal rocks at Alcatraz and came out an ex-United States convict.

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