

WILL KATER THEM

Law May Yet Get Grip on Fixers of Statistics.

UP TO ATTORNEY-GENERAL

He Instructs District Attorney to Probe Scandal - If Criminal Charge Falls, Gully Will Be Punished Otherwise.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Acting Attorney-General Hoy received from Secretary of Agriculture Wilson today the papers in the cotton report investigation. Subsequently the papers were placed in the hands of United States District Attorney Morgan H. Beach, who will probe into the whole subject and make a thorough inquiry embracing every detail connected with the compilation of the statistics involved. Mr. Beach declines to say anything on the subject tonight, but it is understood that the investigation that will be conducted will be in earnest to-morrow and will cover both the legal and administrative features of the incident. Mr. Beach has already examined the report, and will now take active direction of the next proceedings looking to prosecutions of the guilty parties. Mr. Hoy stated today that he had been urged by Mr. Wilson to probe the matter to the bottom, and to use any means at his command to get at the true condition, and to bring all guilty persons to trial. Mr. Hoy and Mr. Beach have already been in communication, and it will be determined whether there is any statute under which a criminal prosecution may be directed against Edwin S. Holmes, the ex-acting statistician of the New York department of Agriculture, who was dismissed, it is alleged, because he juggled figures in the Government crop estimates and furnished advance information to New York brokers, and against any other that may be found implicated in case criminal prosecution is not possible, some other way to reach the guilty parties is to be sought. The investigation conducted by Mr. Beach will be pushed with vigor and without regard to persons who may be affected by it. Mr. Beach remained at his office until midnight tonight, going over the papers in the case. The whole investigation will be aimed at the securing of a verdict against any persons found to have violated the criminal statutes, if any such are found, and to cause the infliction of administrative punishment, such as dismissal, of any person found guilty of wrongdoing not cognizable in the criminal courts. The inquiry will be prosecuted along other lines than the investigation work already done.

WILSON STOPS ALL LEADS.

Statisticians Preparing Crop Reports Are Completely Isolated.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—The new system of preparing the monthly crop reports, delayed since the cotton investigation began, was put in force today. That report was made public late this afternoon and secretaries believe that the steps taken to safeguard the figures were well-nigh perfect. Early in the day Assistant Secretary Hays, Chief Statistician Hyde and several other statisticians were placed in a room under lock and key, and they were not permitted to come out until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The telephone in the room has been discontinued, and a careful scrutiny was kept of the windows to avoid the possibility of a leak through private signals. No communications of any sort have been received from Mr. Price or his attorney, and the Secretary believes that so far as the cotton investigation report is concerned, it is a closed incident.

ACCEPTS HIS INVITATION

France Sends Message to Sultan Agreeing to Conference.

PARIS, July 11.—The acceptance by France of the invitation to take part in the international conference on Morocco was dispatched by special messenger to the Sultan last night. Plans are being matured whereby similar instructions will be communicated to the French and German representatives in Morocco relative to the Sultan's preparation of a programme for the conference. The successful termination of the Franco-German negotiations continue to be widely discussed. The tone of the press is universally favorable. The incident serves to strengthen Premier Rouvier's prestige, as public opinion is gratified that he succeeded in averting a grave crisis with Germany without sacrificing the national dignity. The diplomats are inclined to view the settlement as a natural sequence of the change in the ministry of foreign affairs from M. Delcasse to M. Rouvier, as the former placed his chief reliance on France's strong ties with Great Britain, whereas M. Rouvier's policy sought to improve France's relations with Germany without weakening those with Great Britain. The officials say that the time and place of the Moroccan conference will not be decided upon till after a full conference between Berlin and Paris.

GERMAN PORTS IN MOROCCO

Secret Agreement with Sultan Means Menace to Gibraltar.

NEW YORK, July 11.—M. Jean Hess, the well-known traveler and author of an important work on Morocco, who is credited with great personal influence over the Sultan, is quoted in a Paris dispatch to the Times as authority for the statement that Germany has made a secret agreement with the Sultan for the construction of two ports on the Mediterranean coast which directly menace Gibraltar. The international conference, M. Hess declares, will by arrangement between the Sultan and Germany be brief and amount to nothing more than the confirmation of the Sultan's political and commercial independence and the integrity of his empire. As soon as this result is achieved, the Sultan, in the exercise of his independence, will grant to a German company, subsidized by the German government, a concession for the construction of the two ports in question, and the powers will then be unable to offer any opposition, being bound by acquiescence in the decisions of the conference. M. Hess thinks, however, that the fear of provoking a European war, which inevitably would result in the conquest and partitioning of his own empire, may in the end prevent the Sultan from striking this dangerous bargain with Germany.

ALL POWERS PARTICIPATE

Others Will Follow Lead of France and Germany in Morocco.

PARIS, July 11.—The Council of Ministers today went over the results of the

FRANCE-GERMAN-MOROCCAN AGREEMENT

and prepared a programme for submission to Parliament preparatory to the summer recess. Premier Rouvier and Prince von Radolin are now discussing the preliminaries of the programme to be recommended to the Sultan of Morocco and the time and place for holding the conference in Morocco. It is expected that Italy, Spain, Austria-Hungary, the United States and other powers will follow the course of France in attending the conference.

TUNNEL UNDER THE FARFADET

New Scheme to Raise Submarine. Hope for Crew Abandoned.

PARIS, July 11.—The Ministry of Marine today received a despatch from Bizerte, Tunisia, announcing that the divers are seeking to make a tunnel under the submarine boat Farfadet, which still lies deeply imbedded in the mud bottom of the harbor, in the hope that they will probably be able to pass hawsers around the boat and hoist her to the surface. The despatch does not mention the crew of the submarine, the succoring of whom has been entirely abandoned. Coffins have been prepared and are awaiting the bodies. A large relief fund has been raised for the families of the victims.

Commend Agreement on Morocco.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 11.—The papers here generally consider that France's amicable agreement with Germany on the subject of Morocco was wise, contending that France, instead of suffering, suffers distant recognition by Germany of her interests in Morocco. The Novoye Vremya considers that the situation between the two countries was not dissimilar to the situation which existed between Russia and Japan before the war and commends France's prompt appreciation of her indefensible position. "France," the paper says, "did not hesitate to remove the minister who was dragging the country into war."

ELKS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

BROWN, OF LOUISVILLE, GRAND EXALTED RULER.

Only Contest Is Against Haviland.

Great Growth of Order and Good Financial Showing.

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 11.—The following grand lodge officers were elected at the annual reunion of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks today: Grand exalted ruler, Robert W. Brown, Louisville, Ky.; grand esteemed leading knight, C. F. Tomlinson, Winston, N. C.; grand esteemed loyal knight, Charles W. Kaufmann, Hoboken, N. J.; grand esteemed lecturing knight, Edward McLaughlin, Boston; grand secretary, Fred C. Robinson, Duquesne, Pa.; grand treasurer, John K. Tener, Charlestown, Pa.; grand lodge trustee, W. W. McChollan, Pittsburgh, Pa.; grand trustee (long term), John D. O'Shea, Lynn, Mass.; grand trustee (short term), Dr. W. Haviland, Butte, Mont.

All but Mr. Kaufmann and Dr. Haviland were elected by acclamation. All opposition to Mr. O'Shea was withdrawn when the convention opened. The only contest worthy of note was that for the office of short term trustee, L. Lindley, of Waterloo, Ia., and Mayor Charles C. Schmidt, of Wheeling, W. Va., opposing Dr. Haviland.

The grand lodge session opened in the Trek Theater at 11 o'clock this morning. There were 120 delegates present. Rev. Walter Davenport Buckner, grand chaplain, delivered the invocation, followed by a male chorus followed by Julius Mayer, Attorney-General of New York, representing Governor Higgins, who was unable to be present. The address was an address of welcome on behalf of the city.

Retiring Grand Exalted Ruler O'Brien's report was warmly applauded. It covered the grand lodge of the situation of the welfare of Elksdom generally. The reports of the grand secretary and treasurer were referred without being read.

The success of the past year has exceeded all expectations and has been most gratifying. Fifty-three lodges have been added to the grand lodge in the past year and a total membership of 200,048.

With "quantity" of membership is coming "quality." The successful year just past is the result of the grand lodge's strength through our wide domain.

Last year there were six lodges with a membership of over 1000. There were seven such lodges. Louisville dropped below the 1000 mark, while Cincinnati and Spokane were added to the list. The numerical strength of the grand lodge is as follows: Louisville, 1185; Philadelphia, No. 2, 1164; Chicago, No. 4, 1078; Spokane, No. 228, 1013; Cincinnati, No. 1.

The cash on hand May 31 was \$119,902; the total assets, \$180,273; the liabilities only \$4656. The total surplus was \$184,917, against \$190,102 in 1904.

The financial statement was then submitted by John K. Tener, of Charlestown, Pa., showing that cash is on deposit to the amount of \$111,920. This sum is distributed from foot of Alder street daily containing \$4,485; the emergency fund, containing \$1,250; the reserve fund, containing \$484, and the reserve fund, containing \$10,000.

During the year \$10,000 has been added to the reserve fund. The per capita tax of 10 cents, paid by the entire membership, now over 200,000, for the maintenance of the Elks' home at Bedford City, Va., for indigent Elks, has been paid, and \$300 worth of property adjoining the home has been purchased.

The name of the next convention will be placed tomorrow. Denver, Atlantic City and Dallas are working for it. The International Convention of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, Mexico, was first prize in class A. In class B, Dorning's military band won first prize. The grand prize contest will take place tomorrow.

Catholic Educational Convention.

NEW YORK, July 11.—The second annual meeting of the Catholic Educational Association began here today. About 150 delegates were present.

COLUMBIA RIVER TRIP.

Steamer "Bailey Gatzert" Leaves Daily 8:30 A. M. for Cascade Locks and Return.

Fine daylight trip up the Columbia. Grandest river scenery in all creation. Regular line steamer Bailey Gatzert leaves from foot of Alder street daily at 8:30 A. M., arrives back 5:30 P. M. Restaurant on board. Seats for everybody. Round trip ticket, \$1.00. Phone Main 214.

BATCH OF GRAFTERS

Milwaukee Grand Jury Finds Many Indictments.

RESULT OF CONFESSIONS

Twenty-Five ex-County Officials Accused of Accepting Bribes in Connection With Contracts. Legislator Also in Net.

MILWAUKEE, July 11.—Sixty-seven indictments against 25 individuals, most of whom are ex-county officials, were handed down by the Milwaukee county grand jury late today in the Municipal Court. Probing by the jury still goes on, the term not expiring until September 1. Today's batch of true bills added to the 28 returned a few days ago, makes a total of 36 thus far, with the expectation that further probing will bring in many more indictments being returned in later acts.

Today's list contains 20 out of 21 names returned in the last batch, there being but five new names not before reported, nearly all of the indictments charging bribery in the sum of \$50, this amount, it is alleged, having been paid to present or ex-county officials in connection with the awarding of county contracts for the erection of an addition to the county hospital several years ago.

Many of the indictments are the result of confessions of Otto Seldt, Jr. and Edward F. Strauss, ex-members of the county board.

Charles Schultz, a newspaperman, is indicted on one count charged with offering a bribe of \$50 to Herman J. Pomrening, a member of the State Assembly, in 1901, to vote against the primary election bill. Pomrening is indicted charged with accepting the bribe.

WILL LEAVE IT TO HENDRICKS

Governor Thinks Legislative Inquiry Into Equitable Unnecessary.

ALBANY, N. Y., July 11.—Governor Higgins said tonight that he was still of the opinion that conditions did not warrant calling upon the Legislature to investigate the affairs of the Equitable Life Assurance Society. He still has full confidence in the ability of Superintendent Hendricks of the State Department of Insurance, to probe the matter to the bottom, and that the public will be fully satisfied with the outcome when the whole is disclosed.

When told that the District Attorney had remarked that it would be strange he could not get a copy of the evidence when newspapers were able to obtain it, the Governor said:

"When I received a request from District Attorney Jerome that he be furnished with a copy of the testimony, I telegraphed to Superintendent Hendricks and the superintendent replied that it would be done as soon as possible. He said that the task of transcribing the testimony was a considerable one and that the copy would be made as promptly as possible."

GRAFT IS NATIONAL DISEASE

Governor Folk Speaks On It and Law Enforcement.

FREMONT, Neb., July 11.—The "Jockey of a state is a failure to enforce its laws," declared Governor Folk of Missouri in his address before the Fremont Chamber of Commerce tonight. There is nothing a state can do to its laws, he said, "the cities, its lands and its wealth do not constitute it. Its perpetuity depends upon its rigid carrying out of the laws its people make."

Governor Folk's topic was "Bribees and Boodlers," and his address was largely upon his experiences in enforcing the law in Missouri. He declared graft is so prevalent that it has become a national disease. Men who believe themselves honest fall into the way. With the disregard for law the tolerance of graft grew, till it was so universal as not to be thought much of.

"This country's greatest evil," said Governor Folk, "is graft. Graft has a general prevalence. It has been prosecuted. Before the prosecution of grafters began in St. Louis there had been only two or three such prosecutions in the history of the country. In St. Louis the Louis of delegates for 14 years passed not a single favorable bill for which a price was not paid. The value of votes was fixed."

INDICT THE REAL CRIMINALS

Weaver's Counsel Disagrees With District Attorney on Graft Cases.

PHILADELPHIA, July 11.—According to correspondence made public tonight, James Gay Gordon, private counsel for Mayor Weaver, and John C. Bell, District Attorney of this city, have seriously disagreed on the question of bringing a charge of conspiracy against Frank H. Caven, Joan W. Hill and certain other persons. Mr. Gordon wanted the District Attorney, in drawing up indictments against Caven and Hill, to include the charge of conspiracy. This the District Attorney declined to do. Mr. Gordon, in replying to the District Attorney, says:

"While the bills of indictment against Caven and Hill are important, they are unimportant compared with the necessity for bringing to justice the real and potent criminals who have profited most by and who have been the source and inspiration of the graft and far-reaching conspiracy by which Philadelphia has for years been robbed."

MAKE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Big Convention of Oklahoma and Indian Territory Assembling.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., July 11.—A statehood convention of delegates from Oklahoma and Indian Territory will assemble here tomorrow.

Senator Bailey, of Texas, arrived during the afternoon, and by reason of his prominence in the statehood fight in Congress last winter was immediately a center of interest. Although the call is for 300 delegates, tonight there are 1500 in the city, many counties having doubled their delegations.

It is stated by those who have made a careful canvass that the Hamilton bill, upon which the fight in the last Congress was made, will not be indorsed, for the reason that it was an omnibus measure. An effort may be made to indorse the Gallinger prohibition amendment. There is a probability that the convention will empower a convention to call a constitution.

NEW COMMITTEEMAN FOR MARYLAND.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Postmaster-General Cortelyou today announced the appointment of Stevenson A. Williams, of Bellair, as member of the Republican National Committee for Maryland, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of ex-United States Senator Louis E. McComas, now Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia. Mr. Williams is a lawyer and was the Republican candidate for Governor of Maryland in 1903. He was formerly a member of the State Senate.

THRONE OFFERED CHARLES

Norway Invites Danish Prince to Be Her King.

LONDON, July 11.—The Associated Press is in a position to confirm the report that an offer of the Norwegian throne has been made to King Edward's son-in-law, Prince Charles of Denmark. The matter is still under consideration. It is understood that King Edward and the British government are favorable to the offer. Previously the same European governments abstained from recognizing the existence of the Hague convention, thus leaving the throne open to the inveterate rival of King Edward. Today a grave conflict has broken out between Sweden and Norway. Without thrusting ourselves into the conflict we must remain indifferent to our duty to ourselves and to all Europe to prevent the spread of a violent antagonism. The relations of France toward Sweden have been a source of complaint to us to ourselves and to all Europe to prevent the spread of a violent antagonism. The relations of France toward Sweden have been a source of complaint to us to ourselves and to all Europe to prevent the spread of a violent antagonism.

URGES FRANCE TO MEDIATE

Baron d'Estournelles Works for Peace in Scandinavia.

PARIS, July 11.—Baron d'Estournelles de Constant, the French member of the Hague peace tribunal, has written a letter to Premier Rouvier urging French intervention in the conflict between Norway and Sweden. The letter says in part:

"The governments of Europe abstained from offering their good offices to Russia and Japan with the result that the United States has the honor of beneficent intervention. Previously the same European governments abstained from recognizing the existence of the Hague convention, thus leaving the throne open to the inveterate rival of King Edward. Today a grave conflict has broken out between Sweden and Norway. Without thrusting ourselves into the conflict we must remain indifferent to our duty to ourselves and to all Europe to prevent the spread of a violent antagonism. The relations of France toward Sweden have been a source of complaint to us to ourselves and to all Europe to prevent the spread of a violent antagonism. The relations of France toward Sweden have been a source of complaint to us to ourselves and to all Europe to prevent the spread of a violent antagonism."

KING CHRISTIAN OBJECTS.

Charles Would Accept Crown but for Father's Opposition.

COPENHAGEN, July 11.—It is understood that Prince Charles of Denmark will be willing to accept the crown of Norway if King Christian and the Danish government consent. Some of the members of the royal family are in favor of his acceptance of the crown, but King Christian is believed to be opposed to it. No decision, however, will be given out before His Majesty returns from Gmunden, Austria, next week.

WAS DELIBERATE MURDER

Mitchell Killed Wife Because She Contemplated Divorce Suit.

BALT LAKE CITY, July 11.—The Coroner's investigation today of the Mitchell tragedy developed the fact that Mrs. Mitchell was about to begin proceedings for a divorce and division of the small property which they owned. The jury's verdict ignored the insanity theory, the finding being that Edward H. Mitchell feloniously killed his wife before he committed suicide. The testimony of their neighbors developed the fact that the woman had displayed a wonderful nerve in remaining in the house with Mitchell. Mrs. Mitchell, according to the testimony of a neighbor, on Wednesday last told her husband that she intended to seek a separation. In a frenzy Mitchell seized her around the waist, threw her to the floor and then reached to a table near at hand and took up a carving knife, which he held over her going to cut her throat, but after 15 minutes' pleading she induced him to release her. The skin of the woman's neck was severely lacerated by the edge of the knife which fell from Mitchell when he fell with her while they were struggling.

EARNINGS ARE GROWING

Increase of \$2,225,458 in Eleven Months for Union Pacific.

OMAHA, Neb., July 11.—(Special.)—The statement of the transportation operations of the Union Pacific, including the Oregon Short Line and Oregon Railroad & Navigation Companies, for May, shows a decided increase over last year. The gross receipts for May were \$4,716,909.76; net receipts, \$2,225,458.37; increase, \$115,692.31 over May, 1904.

For the 11 months ending May 31, the gross receipts were \$54,106,189.52; net receipts, \$23,146,578.97. For the same period of 1904, the gross receipts were \$52,880,620.62; net, \$22,921,013.73; increase, \$2,225,458.37.

GRAND TRUNK ENGINEERS DROWN.

WINNPEG, Man., July 11.—Mayor Villers Sankey and two Grand Trunk Pacific surveyors named Hill and Beauchamp were drowned today in Manitow Lake, about 25 miles north of Kenora. They were crossing the line of the new railway when their canoe upset. Sankey held on till within 50 feet of the shore, when he was compelled to let go his grasp.

FOUR DEATHS BY HEAT

List of Victims in New York Continues to Grow.

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Scott Special Train's Lightning Run to Chicago. Under Forty-Five Hours.

CHICAGO, July 11.—With every car blackened by a delirious record-breaking run from Los Angeles to Chicago, the Walter Scott special on the Santa Fe railroad arrived here at 11:54 A. M., having beaten all previous records by hours, as well as bettering the special train's own exacting schedule. The time was faster than the best estimates of railroad men. Consisting of a baggage-car, diner and private living-car, the train which left Los Angeles at 1 P. M. Sunday, came into the Polk-street station today almost at top speed, having made the run of 2244 1/2 miles in 44 hours and 54 minutes. This is 23 hours and 5 minutes faster than the time of the regular Santa Fe limited; it is 3 hours and 4 minutes faster than the original contract called for, which was 48 hours, and beats even the later schedule of 45 hours by 6 minutes.

The best previous time for this run was made by the Peacock special in 1903, "race against the death," but the record of this train by the performance consummated today is bettered by 7 hours and 45 minutes. Extraneous "race against the death" performance from Dodge City, Kansas, where the train arrived 35 minutes late last night at 9:31 o'clock.

But a good road, clear track and expert work by the engineer and fireman not only enabled Scott to regain the lost time, but to beat his closest and most hopeful calculations by six minutes. The train was in excellent condition when it arrived, save for the coating of dust and grime. The crew was smiling and happy, although showing traces of the strain it had undergone. Eliminating stops, or "dead" time, which aggregated 59 minutes, the special made the run in 43 hours and 55 minutes. The average for the entire distance of 2244 1/2 miles was 51 miles per hour. The fastest time of the run was made between Chillicothe and Coal City, Ill., a distance of 71 miles, which was covered at the rate of 55 1/2 miles per hour.

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DIES BY CARBOLIC ACID

Mysterious Death of a Banker's Daughter at Coney Island.

NEW YORK, July 11.—Mystery surrounding the death of Miss Lillian Dimmitt at the Coney Island Hospital, presumably from carbolic acid poisoning, caused Coroner Hartung of Brooklyn to order an investigation this afternoon. Miss Dimmitt, who is the daughter of Edward L. Dimmitt, a banker at Pocomontas, Ark., was found ill in her room at a Coney Island cottage by a maid. She was unable to speak and her symptoms indicated carbolic acid poisoning, but no trace of the drug could be found in her room.

Other persons living in the cottage say Miss Dimmitt was in the best of spirits last night. She visited other persons in the parlor until midnight when she retired. A short time afterward groans were heard in her room and she was immediately removed to the hospital, where she died three hours later.

NEWS TOLD TO THE FATHER.

POCAHONTAS, Ark., July 11.—News of the death of Miss Lillian Dimmitt in New York today has been communicated to her father, Edward L. Dimmitt, cashier of the Pocomontas State Bank. He was ill tonight and would see no one. Mr. Dimmitt came to Pocomontas three years ago and organized the State Bank. He had lived in Kansas City, and was at one time candidate for Mayor of that city. He has ordered his daughter's remains shipped to Kansas City.

FIGHT FOR DEVLIN ESTATE

Separate Receiver for Illinois Opposed by Other Receivers.

TOPEKA, Kan., July 11.—The principal difficulty which is facing the receivers in the Devlin bankruptcy case at present is the attempt on the part of the Illinois creditors to have a trust company in Chicago appointed to receive the Illinois properties. Cyrus Leland and J. E. Hurley, who have been appointed receivers in the Kansas and Missouri properties, are contending this attempt. A conference was held this afternoon between them and their attorneys, Clifford Husted and A. A. Hurd, regarding the effect of placing the properties of Illinois under the one receivership.

There will be no attempt to cut down the number of miners employed. On the contrary, sufficient employees cannot be secured, and every effort is being made to increase the number. There is a heavy demand for coal, and the full capacity is to be worked.

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