

FOUND GUILTY OF LAND FRAUD

Benson and Perrin Are Convicted.

JURY IS OUT HALF AN HOUR

Noted Case Ends in Victory for the Government.

FEEL THE VERDICT KEENLY

Aged Defendants Hard Hit by Result—Both Are Permitted Liberty on Bail—Dehaven to Pass Sentence on Thursday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—John A. Benson and Dr. Edward B. Perrin were today convicted of conspiracy to defraud the United States Government in securing 2,000 acres of land in Tehama County.

The verdict, which means a fine and term of imprisonment, was returned by a jury in the United States District Court after being out about an hour. Only two ballots were required before the jury arrived at a decision to find the aged defendants guilty.

Retain Liberty on Bail.

Benson and Dr. Perrin were allowed to retain their liberty on bail. Judge De Haven set Thursday as a day for passing sentence.

J. C. Campbell made the closing argument for the defense at the morning session, and in the afternoon United States District Attorney Devlin closed for the prosecution, summing up the case in a forcible manner.

After the jury had been out half an hour they filed back into court and asked for a reading of letters Perrin wrote from Washington, Shell's reply and that part of the charge relating to Dr. Perrin's liability in connection with the Benson contract. A verdict was returned within ten minutes after the request of the jury had been granted.

Hard Hit by Verdict.

Dr. Perrin took the verdict very hard and was comforted by his two sons. Benson appeared to be dumfounded at the result.

The punishment provided by the statute is a fine of not less than \$1000 nor more than \$10,000 and imprisonment for not less than two years.

GOMPERS' AID ASKED FOR

Labor Leader, However, Not Optimistic as to the Outcome.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, today reported to the executive council of the Federation that he, John Mitchell, of Indianapolis, and Daniel J. Keefe, of Detroit, had been instructed by united labor with an attempt to bring about "an honorable adjustment of the telegraphers' strike at an opportune time."

Mr. Gompers was asked when he thought that time would arrive, and replied that he could not say, but that it might be "at any hour, in a week or a month, or perhaps not at all."

NEW YORK ON NORMAL BASIS

Both Western Union and Postal Report Plenty of Men at Work.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—General Manager Nally, of the Postal, issued a statement that at noon reports from all directions indicated the Postal Telegraphs are working today under almost normal conditions. He added that as far as the Postal is concerned the strike is over.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—President Clowry said the Western Union's force of operators is sufficient to handle traffic with little delay. In fact, normal conditions have been resumed.

HANDLING MORE BUSINESS

Both Companies in San Francisco Say Service is Improving.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—The Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies report this morning that the strike situation is virtually unchanged. A gradual improvement in the service is being made, and more business is now being handled than at any time since the strike began.

WARM WELCOME FOR TAFT

Columbus Gaily Decorated in Honor of Secretary's Visit.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 19.—Secretary Taft arrived here today from Newark, O., where he was met by a committee of citizens and escorted to this city. The city is probably more elaborately decorated than since the welcome of McKinley. Secretary Taft held a conference with his political manager, A. I. Vorps, during the day, and will probably stay here tomorrow to meet political leaders from throughout the state. He held a public reception this afternoon, and

lined with Governor Harris and state officers this evening. Tonight he delivered a speech at Memorial hall.

TAFT TO VISIT THE CZAR

May Also Call on Mikado Before Returning From Orient.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Secretary Taft will see the Czar at St. Petersburg on his way back to the United States from his visit to the Philippines. It is more than likely that he will also make an official call on the Mikado of Japan, and will do all in his power to promote good feeling between the United States and Japan.

Secretary Taft said today that he will return from the Philippines by way of the Siberian Railroad, as by doing so he will avoid repeating the long sea trip across the Pacific. He will leave Manila November 4 and go to Vladivostok by a naval vessel, reaching there November 11. It is his present intention not to make any stops on the way except at St. Petersburg, and if preparations are be-

ing made to entertain him at any of the European capitals he does not know it.

The Secretary left last Sunday. He has taken with him the material from which he will prepare the annual report of the War Department, sending it back in time for submission to Congress next December. He will write his address to the Philippine Assembly on the voyage across the Pacific.

"I was not disappointed," said he, "at the result of the Philippine elections. It was what I had anticipated. I am convinced there will be a conservative element in the Assembly. What I was surprised at was the small number of the voting population that actually participated in the election. I attribute this to the timidity of the people at taking part in politics for fear of how their neighbors might regard their attitude. Next election, when the idea of exercising suffrage will not be so new, I am sure that a much larger vote will be cast."

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SWEDISH PRINCE AT FAIR

WILHELM, OSCAR'S GRANDSON, GUEST AT JAMESTOWN.

Noted Visitor Will Be Lavishly Entertained While in America.

Dined by Roosevelt.

NORFOLK, Va., Aug. 19.—The Swedish

cruiser *Fylgia* arrived today with Prince Wilhelm, grandson of King Oscar, on board, and anchored off the exposition. Salutes were exchanged by the guns of Fort Monroe and the ships of Admiral Evans' squadron. The Prince landed at the exposition this afternoon and was driven over the grounds escorted by exposition managers and army naval officers, with a detachment of the Twelfth cavalry.

From Hampton Roads the *Fylgia* will go to Newport. There, between August 22 and August 24 Prince Wilhelm will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, by Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Borwin, by Senator George P. Wetmore and by Mr. and Mrs. Osgood Mills. On the evening of August 24 Prince Wilhelm will give a dinner at the Hotel Astor on the city.

Prince Wilhelm will go to Providence on August 25, and the next day to Worcester, where a luncheon will be given by the residents. The party will then proceed to Boston for a dinner to be given by Governor Guild. On August 26 the Prince will visit Harvard University and be entertained at luncheon in the Somerset Club by James H. Kidder.

Prince Wilhelm will be the guest of President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay at a luncheon on August 28. The *Fylgia* will arrive off Oyster Bay that morning and will remain until the next morning, when she will go to New York and anchor in the North River. Commander Lindberg, of the *Fylgia*, will make official calls on Mayor McCallan and the commander of the American battle ship squadron which is in the North River.

With his officers the Prince will be a guest at a banquet in the Hotel Astor on August 30, given by the Swedish colony of New York, headed by Magnus Clarkholm, acting Consul for Sweden. On the following day the Prince will be taken for an automobile trip around New York, the automobile being one of his favorite pastimes.

Aside from the courtesies to His Highness, the Swedish cadets aboard the cruiser, 60 in number, will be entertained by the Crescent Club, of Brooklyn, and her sailors and officers by the Teutonia Club. The night of August 31 will be "Swedish Night" on Coney Island, and the Prince has promised to spend an hour there.

German students in New York will entertain the Prince in Arion Hall on September 2, the Prince and his grandfather, the Duke of Baden, having spent much of their time as students in the great German universities. On September 3 the *Fylgia* will steam for Sweden.

REFORM FORCES SCORE VICTORY

Supreme Court Rules Taylor Is Mayor.

SCHMITZ' CLAIM IS DENIED

Ousted Him From Office by His Conviction.

BLOW TO GRAFT FACTION

Court Stands Unit in the Decision. Taylor at Once Names New Police Board—Excitement in the Courtroom.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—The question, "Who is Mayor of San Francisco?" was determined today in the Salvation Army barracks at Fillmore and Post streets, where the Supreme Court of the state, sitting en banc, decided in favor of Dr. Edward R. Taylor and against Eugene E. Schmitz. Since its ouster from the Century Club by the women of that organization a month or more ago, the highest court of the commonwealth has not had where to lay its head.

Temporary offices are occupied in the Central building, at Butler and Polk, but no room there is large enough for sessions. Today, Superior Judge Cook lent his makeshift courtroom, the Salvation Army barracks, and in that bare chamber, whose rude walls give background to luridly lettered admonitions such as "The wages of sin is death," "Be sure thy sin will find thee out," and "His eye is watching thee," the most important question in the municipal annals of the state found its answer.

Schmitz' Friends Look Glum. Chief Justice Beatty, flanked on two sides by Associate Justices Henshaw, Angellotti and Sloss, McFarland, Shaw and Lorigan, sat on a rough platform, behind a cheap desk—reminiscent of the fire. Their audience, numbering a hundred-odd men who had assembled in the interest of curiosity of expected arguments

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Opinion Is Unanimous.

The opinion was written by the chief justice and concurred in by the six associate justices. While it expressly disavows a determination of whether or not Schmitz is de jure mayor (nearly mayor in right), no cleverness is required to see that the court does not think he is, and the standing of Dr. Taylor as de facto mayor (i. e., mayor in fact), is confirmed with emphasis. One of the unstated effects of the opinion is to uphold the legality of Dr. Taylor's board of supervisors and to discourage Mr. Schmitz's recent appointees from any further efforts to claim seats.

The gist of the opinion in a nutshell is that the conviction of Schmitz of the felony of extortion ousted him from the Mayoralty, and the pendency of his appeal does not bar a capacitated person from stepping into the vacancy.

Taylor Names Police Board. Immediately after the delivering of the decision by the Supreme Court in his favor, Mayor Taylor appointed a new board of police commissioners composed of the following:

Hugo D. Kell, manager Kell estate. Joseph A. Leggett, attorney. Charles A. Swigert, attorney. A. J. Cutler, banker.

Now on His Way to Visit Portland and Seattle to Investigate Labor Conditions. SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—A bulletin in the dock offices of the immigration office gives this isonic instruction to inspectors: "K. Ishii, Japanese diplomat, may pass through Seattle, Kow tow to him."

Japanese Consul S. Hismidau left tonight for San Francisco to meet Ishii and bring him to Portland and Seattle. He is coming here to investigate consular and labor conditions and immigration officers have received word he must be treated with consideration. The force of the inspector was given the word in the dock office bulletin.

MUST KOW TOW TO MR. ISHII

DIPLOMAT MUST HAVE PROPER RESPECT SHOWN.

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SALEEN WITHOUT A LICENSE.

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Passenger Train on Milwaukee Road Strikes a Handcar.

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SOUNDING KNELL OF THE MEADOWS

Bill Against Racing Being Urged.

SPORTS JOIN CHURCH CROWD

Circulating Petitions to Be Presented to Legislature.

PASTOR DECRIES SALOON

Dr. M. A. Matthews Says Officials Must Close the One Now Operating Without License—First Blow Struck This Way.

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HEAVY TAXES ON TIMBER

Basis of Assessment 60 Per Cent of Value in Pierce County.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—In line with its well-defined policy to raise assessments as far as is just, the Board of Equalization today caused to be served 130 notices upon Pierce County property owners, commanding them to show cause why their assessments should not be increased.

Never before has a Pierce County Board of Equalization ordered such sweeping increases. Should all the assessments be raised as contemplated by the board in the notices issued, hundreds of thousands of dollars will be added to the assessment rolls. Three-fourths of the raises will be levied against personal

PROPERTY AND MUCH OF THE REMAINDER AGAINST OWNERS OF TIMBER AND COAL LANDS.

Assessor Rollback has asked the board to increase the assessments against timber and coal land to 60 per cent of their actual values.

MAKES CHARGE OF BRIBERY

Hints of Graft Among Seattle's Board of Assessors.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—John T. Campion, treasurer of the Seattle Brewing and Malting Company, charged today before the county Board of equalization that a deputy assessor had offered for \$500 to reduce the assessment levied against the brewery.

Assessor T. A. Parrish furiously demanded that Campion substantiate his charge and County Treasurer M. H. Gormley denounced him for his impudence. Under fire from two quarters Campion declared that his information came from a Second Avenue saloon man.

PASTOR AND BRIDE ESCAPE

JUMP OUT WINDOW TO EVADE RICE-THROWERS.

Rev. W. J. Sharp, of Tacoma, Marries Miss Hattie Roberts, of Brighton, and Steal March.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 19.—Rev. W. J. Sharp, pastor of the Sprague Memorial Church, was married last week at Brighton to Miss Hattie Roberts, of Brighton. The wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. Espey.

The story has just leaked out now that in order to escape the rice and old shoes that friends and relatives of the young couple were preparing to throw, the priest and his bride jumped through a window of the house and were lost to view before the wedding guests noticed their absence.

RIGHTS OF WAY SECURED.

Rights of way for the tunnel have been practically secured by agents of the Oregon & Washington Railroad. It is necessary in work of this kind to pay property owners for permission to drive a tunnel underneath their land, even though the bore goes so deep that the property owner, living on the surface of the ground, would never be aware unless he were told, that trains were passing many feet under his house.

For reasons of convenience the work of driving the tunnel will be directed from Portland, and O. R. & W. engineers will have direct charge of the work. Contracts for construction will be let as soon as the bids are received and engineer figure out which is most advantageous.

ROBBED IN QUAKER CITY

Wealthy Los Angeles Rancher Sandbagged as He Walks Streets.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 19.—Joseph Schmidt, a wealthy ranchman, living not far from Los Angeles, was sandbagged and robbed here early today. Two young men, arrested later, admitted they drugged and robbed Schmidt. The Californian said he was knocked down on the street from behind, and on regaining consciousness found that a \$1600, all the money he found that \$1000, all the money he had, was gone.

DROWN TRYING TO SAVE CHILD.

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Aug. 19.—While bathing in Mill Creek, about 21 miles from this city, Hazel Riley, a 12-year-old girl, was drowned this afternoon. Joe Murree, a tinsmith, was also drowned in attempting to save her.

HARRIMAN READY TO BUILD TUNNEL

Bids Asked for Bore Under Peninsula.

WORK TO PROCEED AT ONCE

Tube Will Be 4200 Feet Long and Will Cost \$330,000.

REQUIRE MONTHS TO DIG

Operations to Be Rushed and May Be Completed by Next Spring.

Tunnel Link in New Line to Puget Sound.

As a direct result of the conference at Salt Lake City between E. H. Harriman and the general managers of the Harriman interests in the Pacific Northwest, J. P. O'Brien and J. D. Farrell, work will be commenced at once on the long tunnel to be driven under the peninsula between the Willamette and Columbia rivers, to give the Oregon & Washington, the Union Pacific extension from Portland to Puget Sound, entrance to this city.

Tenders have been invited from railroad contractors for the work, which will be actual construction on the Oregon & Washington, which has been held up by various conditions, although it was announced months ago that the line would be begun immediately. Confirmation of the intention of the Harriman officials to begin work at once on this tunnel comes from J. D. Farrell, of Seattle, general manager of the Oregon &