

ALL-ANYTHING-DOING ANYTHING WRONG

Submarine Lobbyists Say They Did Not Meddle in Elections.

NO BRIBERY IN A DRINK

Butler Scoffs at Suggestion That Refreshment Would Influence Vote of Congressman—How Dewey Helped Along the Scheme.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The House committee, which is investigating the charges of Representative Lilley against the Electric Boat Company, examined today a number of witnesses. Ex-Senator Butler of South Carolina, called as the first witness, was questioned by Mr. Hubbard. Mr. Butler said that after leaving the Senate he was engaged by the Holland Boat Company and later by the Electric Boat Company, but has done no work for the company for the last three or four years. He thought it likely he had a written contract in the form of a letter with the boat company, but did not recollect positively. He said that one year he received a retainer fee of \$2400, and since then probably has received about \$1000. His employment principally was to make arguments before the Senate naval committee. He never had appeared before a House committee, nor had he discussed submarine boats with any member of the House.

Speaking of tests of the Holland boat in the Potomac River a few years ago, Mr. Butler said that a party of Senators and members of the House were his guests on a tugboat to witness the experiments, and that food and drink were furnished, which he supposed the boat company paid for. "I didn't think any suspicion of bribery could be connected with any member of Congress to take a drink," he added caustically. He resented Mr. Lilley's imputation that he was a member of any organized lobby, and stated emphatically he had been guilty of no corrupt practices.

C. E. Crosby, of Washington, who said he was the recipient of a check for the boat company from 1904 to 1903, denied that he had ever spent any money to influence the Government or members of Congress in favor of the boat and said that he did not believe that any one else had done so. He said that the testimony of Admiral Dewey before the House naval committee, that he could not have taken his ship into Manila Bay if there had been two submarines there, had prompted him to draw an amendment to the naval bill providing for 30 submarine boats. This amendment was offered by Amos Cummings, of New York.

F. P. B. Sands, another Washington attorney, a brother of Rear-Admiral Sands, U. S. N., testified that he had been employed by the Holland Company to look after its affairs in Russia. He asserted that he had never approached or spoken to a member of Congress in regard to legislation now being considered by officials of the Navy Department about contracts.

"When the company broke up its office here," said Mr. Sands, "had no money. Mr. Frost said he would like to pay me and that, if Congress made an appropriation, he would give me a fee equal to \$100,000 for each of the boats authorized. He told the committee that finally he had to sue for the money and had accepted a compromise of about \$6000."

**Buying Up Negro Vote.** Tillman also asserted that every effort was being made to control the negro vote, and coming back to the charge of favoritism on the part of the President toward the wealthy, he said: "The poor fools who were shouting his praises have so far failed to understand that the bad government which has been employed by the Holland Company is due solely to the ignorance and debauchery of the people. Misled and deceived by the newspapers, which are owned by the rich men, labor organized and disorganized, trails along behind the banner of Republicanism and shouts for Roosevelt and his policies. The millions who have been robbed are as enthusiastic as the millionaires who have been benefited. The capacity of the people to govern themselves wisely and protect their interests is seriously called in question by existing conditions. The money which came by dishonest and unfair methods is used to control the machinery of nomination at Chicago. The price of negro delegates in the South rises day by day."

**Contest for Control.** The office-holding clique, manipulated and directed by a high official of the Government under Roosevelt's sanction and orders, and reinforced by millions in the hands of relatives and friends of one of the candidates, opposed by the struggle for the control of these Southern delegates by beneficiaries of Republican misgovernment who want to be left alone in the enjoyment of power and the benefits of their private fortunes, which the existing conditions afford."

The Senate considered the conference report on the Indian appropriation bill and, after some criticism of the action of the conferees on minor provisions, the report was disagreed to and another conference asked.

The House bill appropriating \$400,000 to pay the archbishop of Manila, as representative of the Roman Catholic Church, for damage to church property during the Spanish War, also passed.

**HOUSE PUTS BACK THE MOTTO** Also Allows Alaska Appeals to Portland and Seattle Courts.

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**WINTUN CHIEF IS DEAD** Ben Butler, Aged and Eccentric Monarch, Goes to Great Spirit.

REDDING, Cal., March 16.—Ben Butler, the famous chief of the Wintun Indians, died at Gregory yesterday and was buried today with an imposing funeral. He was reported to be nearly 100 years old. For a year past he had refused to wear a stitch of clothing and was living in a cabin with his blind wife, who was a basketmaker.

Metzger, jeweler, optician, 342 Wash. See ad of J. A. Reid Co., page 2.

THE STRIKE

Denver & Rio Grande Shopmen Quit Work.

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The strike will ultimately spread to every road in the Gould system and affects roads all over the United States," said Mr. McQuay. "There is every indication that the struggle will be a long one and fought hard on both sides."

The strike is the result of an order posted by the road a month ago abrogating all contracts with the unions. Since that time numerous conferences have been held by the men and the company, but it was impossible to reach an agreement.

In addition to the Burnham shops, in Denver, where 300 men struck, the following cities are affected: Pueblo, Grand Junction, Salida, Alamosa, Leadville, Minturn, Canon, Chama, Ridgway, in Colorado, and Sale Lake, Ogden, Helper, Thistle, Bingham, Tucker and Green River, in Utah.

**About 2500 Men Involved.** Machinists, boiler-makers, blacksmiths and helpers in all of these trades, pipe-men and apprentices went out, regardless of whether they were affiliated with the organizations or not. Some of the carmen went out, and it is expected that all of them will strike later.

In all, about 2500 men will be involved, it is said. The Burnham shops were practically tied up today, but the men are confident they will fill the places of the strikers as rapidly as possible. They believe that with the large number of men out of employment the road will be in trouble in getting enough experienced men to keep repairs going at least for two weeks, when they believe they will have all positions filled.

It is said they have secretly been hiring hundreds of men in the East for several weeks in anticipation of a strike order. Leaders of the men state that all of the employees would rather go elsewhere than work under the rules forced on them by the company.

**Evans Always in Command.** "There was absolutely no truth in the story that Admiral Evans had transferred to the Navy. He has not even been contemplated. There has not been a day that Admiral Evans has not had full grasp of the duties of supreme command. It has been my great pleasure to represent him from time to time, but it is unjust to him and to me to say that he transferred command to me. Please deny it absolutely."

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SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—Frank J. Murphy, associate counsel for Abraham Ruef, at noon today filed with the District Court of Appeals an application for a writ of habeas corpus to effect Ruef's release on bail. Incidentally the application calls the attention of the Appellate Court to the remarks of Superior Judge Frank H. Dunne from the bench last Saturday, with reference to the decision of that court in the Schmitz case.

The application for a writ is based upon the fact that there are 37 double indictments against Ruef on the same charges. Counsel for Ruef asks that these indictments be dismissed or that the defendant be released upon his own recognizance on these indictments, thereby reducing his bail by \$70,000. The application further sets forth that the \$70,000 bail that is still required of Ruef after the double indictments are disposed of is an unreasonable and exorbitant bail, and reduction is asked for.

"The battle of affidavits" between the prosecution and Ruef on the pending motion before Judge Lawlor for the vacation of Ruef's bail, incidentally the application for a writ of habeas corpus, was resumed in that court this morning. Judge Lawlor declined at this time to