

TELLS STORY OF STOLEN LETTERS

Archbold Gets Facts From Go-Between.

SOLD BY TRUSTED EMPLOYE

Offered for Sale to Newspapers in New York.

HEARST FINALLY BOUGHT

Standard Official Says Party to Theft Confessed Whole Crime. Insinuates That Hearst Has Falsified Papers.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—A new phase of the discussion of the Standard Oil correspondence made public recently by William R. Hearst was entered upon late today, when John D. Archbold, vice-president of the Standard Oil Company, made a statement to the Associated Press, setting forth details of the alleged theft of correspondence from his files. Mr. Archbold said: "In response to many inquiries as to the theft of letters from my files, the following may be made known:

Go-between Offered to Sell.

"Over three years ago a report reached me that certain of my letters had been offered for sale to newspapers of this city, avowedly as stolen letters. Examination showed that some letters were missing and that they could only have been taken by some one not only familiar with the office details, but highly trusted. The party on whom suspicion fell stoutly denied all guilt. A little later, however, a man who represented himself as acting between the thief and those to whom the letters had been sold proposed to return some of the letters for a consideration.

His story was that the idea of the theft had been conceived by his brother who had at one time been in the employ of the company, and that his brother had induced the employee already suspected to accomplish the theft. According to the go-between's story, he had disposed of the letters, or some of them, to two men who purchased them on behalf of Mr. Hearst's newspaper, the Journal.

Stole Letter-Books Also.

"Not only had stolen letters been thus traded for, but the thief was induced to carry off one or more letter-copying books, many of whose pages he claims were photographed, other pages being removed altogether. The books in question were, the go-between said, returned after 48 hours. It is impossible to say how many were stolen and sold in this way. The thieves worked at their leisure. It is not thought necessary to say more at present or to mention names.

"Corroboration of the go-between's story of three years ago lay in his return of some of the correspondence at the time. The production of stolen letters by Mr. Hearst is further corroboration now. Obviously, among such a coterie, authenticity of their output is not to be lightly accepted. The opportunities for falsification, suppressing of context and distortion of passages are many.

HASKELL PREPARING TO SUE

Accuses Hearst and Sheets of Libel.

Whole Democracy Haskellized.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Sept. 29.—(Special.)—It is understood that Governor C. N. Haskell has his libel suit against William R. Hearst in preparation and will file it wherever he can get the quickest service on the New Yorker. It is understood further that both civil and criminal actions will be instituted. Ex-Attorney-General Sheets, of Ohio, is scheduled also as a defendant in the libel action.

This recalls a telegram received here several days ago, in which ex-Attorney-General Monnett, of Ohio, is said to have suggested to Mr. Haskell the arrest of Mr. Sheets for libel. Mr. Haskell admits that "Ohio friends" have urged him to prosecute Mr. Sheets. Mr. Haskell's lieutenants are advising that the Hearst suit be started in the Federal Courts for the better effect it might have.

Haskell Bryan's Dead Horse.

In speaking of the social, personal and political relations between Mr. Haskell and Mr. Bryan, a prominent politician tonight declared: "The germs of Haskellism have been so injected into the blood veins of the National Democracy that carloads of physics, of the antiseptics and episcopes cannot cleanse it. It will be impossible for Bryan to lose Haskell during the present campaign. Henceforward and forever Haskell will be a dead horse for Bryan always to carry with him. He stood sponsor for Haskell; permitted Haskell to write his platform and today the National platform is so Haskellized that Bryan cannot defend it from attacks."

Denounces His Accuser.

Mr. Haskell issued a lengthy characteristic statement tonight denouncing L. T. Russell, editor of the Ardmore Morning Democrat, and saying that the telegram to the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, which Mr. Russell recently made public, was not in regard to any connection of Mr. Haskell with the oil companies, but regarding the price of coal oil by the Waters-Pierce Company in Oklahoma.

PRIZEFIGHTER CAN SAVE HIS TOWN

PREACHER PRAYS FOR NELSON'S CONVERSION.

Tells Methodist Conference if Battler Joins Church, All Hegewisch Will Follow.

CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—(Special.)—Rev. S. A. Dennis, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Hegewisch, today started the temperance committee of the Rock River conference when he declared that the salvation of Hegewisch must be achieved through the conversion of "Battling"



Herbert Knox Smith, United States Commissioner of Corporations, Who Married Miss Gertrude Dietrich Yesterday.

Nelson, champion lightweight pugilist of the world, who owns the place body and soul.

The astounded committee, seeking enlightenment, learned from Mr. Dennis that the advent of "the Battler" in his home village was sufficient to cause the abandonment of business by everybody except the thrifty saloon-keepers.

"If 'Battling' Nelson were to become a Methodist," said Mr. Dennis, "every man, woman and child in this place would forthwith join the church. I have prayed unremittently for the conversion of the Battler. I believe he is the most decent fellow that ever was in the prizefighting business."

"Aside from his profession and his environment, Nelson is a very good man. His instincts are good and I hope that with the prayers of the conference he may be turned into the paths of righteousness."

JEROME TO INVESTIGATE

Will Find Facts About Bogus Letter of Cleveland.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—District Attorney Jerome announced today that he would have investigated the facts of the sale to a New York paper of an article on the issues of the present campaign purporting to have been signed by the late ex-President Grover Cleveland.

TERROR OF BLACK HAND

Whole County in Virginia Fears Death by Assassination.

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 29.—As a result of the shooting of N. M. Gertrude Dietrich, a prominent citizen of Buckingham County, an appeal has been made to Governor Swanson to aid in breaking up an alleged "Black Hand" gang. A communication received by the Governor today reads:

"Conditions here intolerable; gang of assassins strongly entrenched three miles away; one citizen shot in back and others threatened; county authorities appear powerless. We need assistance and bloodhounds."

It is reported that a vigilance committee is being formed.

KNOX SMITH IS MARRIED

Commissioner of Corporations Weds Daughter of Dietrich.

FARMINGTON, Conn., Sept. 29.—The marriage of Mr. Herbert Knox Smith, Commissioner of Corporations, and Miss Gertrude Dietrich, daughter of ex-Senator Dietrich, of Nebraska, was solemnized in the Congregational Church here today. Among those in attendance were Miss Ethel Roosevelt, Mrs. W. S. Cowles and Mr. Gifford Pinchot.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt sent a great cluster of beautiful roses.

BAILEY WILL NOT RETIRE

Texas Senator Characterizes Current Rumor as Absurd.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—United States Senator Joseph W. Bailey, of Texas, who is in the city, was asked today relative to statements emanating from Galveston to the effect that he intends to resign from the Senate and said:

BRYAN RETURNS TO WORDY DEBATE

Replies to Roosevelt's Last Broadside.

STILL CHAMPIONS HASKELL

Calls Arguments About Trusts Ingenious, but Unsound.

PROSECUTE WITHOUT END

Renews Challenge to Publish Campaign Funds Before Election and Accuses Roosevelt of Showing Distrust of People's Sense.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Sept. 29.—"I have lived in vain if your accusations lose me a single friend," said W. J. Bryan in a letter addressed to President Roosevelt, replying to that of the President written Sunday last. Mr. Bryan points to his record and declares that it is a sufficient answer to the instructions of the Chief Executive that he is in sympathy with or controlled by the trusts.

Reverting to the charges against Governor Haskell, Mr. Bryan says that the President, in response to his request, did not deign to suggest a tribunal which could determine those charges, but instead proceeded to pass judgment upon him, and he informs the President that the occupant of that high office cannot deny to the humblest citizen the right to protect his reputation and vindicate his name in the courts.

Complaint Against Critic.

Taking up the President's assertion that certain trust magnates, fearing prosecution under Mr. Taft, will support the Democratic candidate, Mr. Bryan charges that the President worded his statement in such a way as to claim the support of all the trust magnates "and yet pit it on the ground that they are supporting your party for patriotic reasons rather than for the promotion of a selfish interest."

Such an argument, he contends, is ingenious, but not sound. In proof of the fact that he would not be controlled by the trusts, Mr. Bryan says that, if elected, he will enforce the anti-trust laws, "not spasmodically and intermittently, but persistently and consistently."

Campaign Fund Publicity.

Mr. Bryan, in dealing with the Democratic campaign of 1896 as compared with the Republican campaign fund of 1904, charges that the President pays "more attention to the mote than to the beam," and asserts that in

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JOHN D. IS AGAIN IN ACTIVE CHARGE

ROCKEFELLER MAKES MANY TRIPS TO 26 BROADWAY.

Since Rogers' Breakdown, Head of Standard Oil Has Watched Affairs Closely.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—(Special.)—It is stated John D. Rockefeller, who, during the past several years has visited the Standard Oil headquarters in this city only occasionally and left the transaction of business there to his associates, is once again the active head of this great concern.

He now goes to 26 Broadway once or twice a week, and no move is made without his direct counsel. Formerly the office in the innermost recess of the Standard Oil headquarters, was not listed in the telephone book, but now this directory contains his name and individual telephone number at 26 Broadway. A new arrangement has been ordered by which an additional copy of all documents submitted to John D. Archbold for personal shall be made for Rockefeller's use. Rockefeller's renewed activity is said to be necessitated by the fact that Henry H. Rogers, incapacitated since his physical breakdown, and other men on whom Rockefeller used to rely, have also gone out in the past year.

SMUGGLING ON BIG LINERS

Sailor's Arrest Implicates Merchants on Both Sides of Ocean.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 29.—(Special.)—What the customs officials declare to be the biggest smuggling plot that has been discovered in recent years and which involves a business man of this city and a prominent resident of Boston was unearthed early today in the arrest of Walter Parker, a member of the crew of the American line steamer Merion. It resulted in the subsequent seizure of rare lace valued at \$300.

In addition to the Philadelphia and the Boston man referred to, the plot involves Ahern, the largest lace dealer of Queenstown, Ireland; and before the investigation is completed it is expected that members of the crews of the other trans-Atlantic steamers will be shown to have been connected with a gigantic plot to defraud the United States Government by smuggling goods into the country at this port.

STUNG; DIES IN 10 MINUTES

Colfax Woman, 55 Years Old, Succumbs in Great Agony.

COLFAX, Wash., Sept. 29.—The sting of a bee proved fatal to Mrs. Caroline Hower, aged 55, a pioneer resident of Whitman County, at her home in Spring Flat, five miles south of Colfax, yesterday. Mrs. Hower stepped from the house to bid her children good-by as they were leaving for Colfax. A bee from a nest, by hive settled on her hand, stung her near the base of the thumb. She grew violently ill and her children assisted her to the house, where she died ten minutes later, before medical aid could reach her. It is not known whether the shock super-induced heart disease.

INCREASE RATES NEXT NEW YEAR

Railroads to Make Advance Both Ways.

OF FIVE TO EIGHT PER CENT

Competition, Now Extinct, Made Them Very Low.

PRODUCERS ARE WILLING

Increase Will Affect Westbound Rates on 80 Commodities, Eastbound Rates on 20—Daily Conferences Held.

CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—(Special.)—January 1 the transcontinental railroads hope to be able to increase the freight rates on over 80 commodities westbound and on about 20 commodities eastbound between all Eastern points and the Pacific Coast.

Conferences are being held frequently with a view to reaching an agreement as to what commodity rates should be increased and what should remain at present rates. Today traffic men admitted that all of the commodities were being gone over with a view to making increases where possible and equitable. It is stated that all of the commodities on the list, which include a number of large consumption and large tonnage, have borne ridiculously low freight rates for years. This fact, it is maintained, is due to old competition, which was wont to cut a rate in order to get business irrespective of whether or not it paid.

The proposed increases, if they become effective, will be from every territory east of the Missouri River to the Pacific Coast and will average between five and eight per cent above the present rates. It is hoped that most of the increases can be agreed upon, and it is expected that the railroads will be able to make them effective January 1, 1909.

Some of the manufacturers of commodities affected are said to agree with the railroads that rates are low and it is understood that they will not make strenuous objections to increase.

OHIO COUNTIES VOTE DRY

Sixteen Cast Out Saloons, Putting \$90 Out of Business.

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 29.—Twelve Ohio counties voted today under the Ross law and all went "dry" by majorities ranging from a few hundred to more than 2000. The number of saloons affected is 28. Altogether 16 of the counties have held local option elections and all have gone "dry." The total number of saloons voted out is 28.

REFUSE TO HAVE GOMPERS LEAD

LODGE OF MACHINISTS REPUDECIATES HIM.

Asserts Recent Events Make It Impossible to Indorse Democratic Candidate for President.

UTICA, N. Y., Sept. 29.—Utica Lodge No. 425, International Association of Machinists, has adopted the following: "Whereas, Samuel Gompers has used his high office as president of the American Federation of Labor to endeavor, through the influence of that office, to persuade labor unions of this



Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot, Center of Storm in Irrigation Congress.

country to vote for the platform and nominees of the Democratic National convention;

"Whereas, We, as members of organized labor do not wish to declare allegiance to either the Democratic or Republican parties;

"Resolved, That we, at a regular meeting, view of the Haskell exposure, and in view of the condition of labor in the South, which is almost entirely under Democratic control, cannot indorse, nor can we conscientiously approve the action of Mr. Gompers."

HANLY MAKES RESPONSE

Answers Kinsley in Dignified Message to Legislature.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 29.—Governor Hanly read a message to the Legislature this afternoon demanding that a committee be appointed with full powers to investigate a charge made against the Governor yesterday by Representative Kinsley of the Lower House, who said the Governor offered him a position paying a salary of \$3000 if he would support the county local option bill.

"If those charges are true," said Governor Hanly, in his message, "then the Governor of Indiana should be impeached. If they are false, as I know them to be, then their falsity should be established."

JURY AWARDS HER \$11,115

Nevada Woman's Husband Was Put Off Train and Died on Desert.

RENO, Nev., Sept. 29.—A verdict for damages of \$11,115 was returned today against the Southern Pacific to Mrs. Mamie Forrester, whose husband was put off a Southern Pacific train on a desert in this state last January and who died a short time after from exposure and cold.

It was claimed Forrester was riding on a "scaper's" ticket. It is probable the case will be carried to a higher court.

WILL WED SPOKANE GIRL

John Guy Howell, of Portland, to Marry Miss May Rosenhaupt.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 29.—(Special.)—Mrs. S. Rosenhaupt has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss May Rosenhaupt, to John Guy Howell, of Portland. The marriage will take place next Spring. Miss Rosenhaupt is prominent in the younger society circles. Mr. Howell is a prominent lumberman of Portland.

Mr. Howell is manager of the Howell Shingle Company, and resides at 282 Thurman street. His father is C. D. Howell, president of the same corporation.

FLEET TO ARRIVE FRIDAY

Manila Hears From Sperry—Harper Keeps Men on Ships.

MANILA, Sept. 30.—A telegram has been received from Rear Admiral Sperry announcing that the Atlantic fleet will arrive at Manila Friday afternoon. Rear-Admiral Harper, commanding the Asiatic cruiser squadron, which is at anchor off the naval station at Cavite, has issued orders keeping all men and officers aboard their vessels on account of the cholera in the city.

Twelve new cases of cholera have been reported in the city for the past 24 hours and five deaths.

Football Player Has Hard Head.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 29.—Leo Gilbert Warren, of Piqua, O., the Yale football player who was kicked in the head and rendered unconscious yesterday during practice at Yale field, was reported at the Yale Infirmary to be conscious this morning. His injuries are not serious and it is expected that he will be out in a week.

BATTLE TO RAGE AROUND PINCHOT

Hot Debate Likely on Forest Reserves.

IRRIGATION MEN DIVIDED

Livestock Men Will Start Fun at Albuquerque.

LETTERS OF ROOSEVELT

Arouses Enthusiasm by Expressing Hope of Statehood for Territories. Spokane Ahead for Next Irrigation Congress.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Sept. 29.—The proceedings of the opening session of the 16th National Irrigation Congress, which convened in Convention Hall, in this city, at 10:30 today, were impressive, and 1500 delegates and 2500 spectators, who crowded the galleries, were moved to repeated demonstrations.

It is evident that this congress is to give the major portion of its time to discussion of the reclamation of public land and conservation of natural resources, and it is likely these discussions may lead to differences of opinion on phases of the Government policy, particularly the Forestry policy. D. C. Beaman, of Denver, Colo., will address the convention tomorrow on "Forestry Service," and it is intimated that such criticism of the service as may be indulged in will come at that time. The livestock interests are well represented, and their desires as to the resolutions urging Government regulation of the public domain and National forests may precipitate sharp discussion.

Make Organization Permanent.

A movement has appeared, backed by a number of well-known men, to make the Irrigation Congress a permanent working organization, with headquarters and a secretary, whose duty would be the collection of data and information for the use of the congress in furthering needed legislation and arousing public interest in reclamation and conservation work to be undertaken. The movement is finding favor among the delegates.

Two letters and a telegram were read to the congress at the opening session from President Roosevelt. The first was addressed to the congress and conveyed the President's greeting; his approval of the work of the congress, and references to the importance of reclamation and conservation

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PUBLICITY—"UNLESS OTHERWISE STIPULATED"

PUBLIC IN NAME, BUT NOT IN FACT

Cunning Evasion About Democratic Fund.

Significant Saving Clause

Questions Concealed if Donor Makes Request.

HANDY FOR TRUST CHIEFS

Leave Nothing Substantive. See our Page in Washington-World "What Others Implicated" Are Officially Ignored.