

MICK-RAKE DRAGS IN GOVERNOR HAY

Charge Made He Sold Bridge to State.

SEATTLE MEN ASK FOR PROBE

Wenatchee Bridge Bill, One of Few He Signed.

EXECUTIVE NOT TALKING

Legislative Committee to Be Presented With Charges, Alleging Misconduct in Office—Inquirers Waiting to Act.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 17.—(Special.)—Charges of misconduct in office by Governor Hay are said to be in preparation at Seattle to be filed with the Legislative investigating committee, according to a report received here today.

The charges are said to be based chiefly upon the allegation that Governor Hay is a stockholder in the company which owns the Wenatchee bridge. The last Legislature passed a law authorizing the state to purchase that structure at original cost plus interest and less the portion of the cost contributed by the citizens of Wenatchee. For the purpose the Legislature appropriated \$200,000, and this was one of the few appropriation bills signed by the Governor. Most of the others he permitted to become laws without his approval.

Governor Refuses to Talk.

Governor Hay tonight declined to deny or affirm ownership of stock in the company. The Governor likewise refused to discuss the charges sent out from Seattle, in which Senator Piny Allen, chairman of the legislative investigating committee, was quoted as saying the committee would report at once if the Governor insisted.

Senator Fishback of the legislative committee, returned here today. He said he cannot say what the plans of the committee are until the members meet here tomorrow and discuss the situation.

Two Holidays Proposed.

Governor Hay is planning two holiday proclamations which may be issued tomorrow. Memorial day falling upon Sunday this year, some communities are desirous of observing the day the previous Saturday and others on Monday. The Governor will try to meet local desires by ordering the military to hold its stated parade on the day satisfactory to the people of the different cities. He has also in mind the issuance of a proclamation of a holiday on the occasion of the opening of the Alaska-Tukon-Pacific Exposition June 1. Neither proclamation will provide for a legal holiday, so that observance will be a matter of choice and not obligatory, and there will be no interference with court or other business.

HAY NOT OWNER, CLARKE SAYS

Wenatchee Banker Denies Governor Was Interested in Deal.

WENATCHEE, Wash., May 17.—(Special.)—W. T. Clarke, president of the First National Bank of Wenatchee, the Wenatchee Canal Company and the East Wenatchee Land Company, as well as the chief promoter of the Wenatchee bridge which Governor Hay is accused of being a stockholder in prior to its sale to the state for \$120,000, tonight stated that Governor Hay is not now nor ever has been connected with the bridge project.

Governor Hay became possessor of a home formerly owned by Mr. Clarke in Spokane not long ago. The consideration was \$35,000.

ASK TAFT TO CHANGE TIME

'More Daylight' Enthusiasts Want President to Take Initiative.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—President Taft promised today to take up with his Cabinet tomorrow the question of more daylight. A delegation from Cincinnati representing the National Daylight Association called upon the President and requested him to take the initiative in a reform movement directed against the clock.

The idea of the movement is to begin the day two hours earlier during the Summer time in order to give longer hours for afternoon and evening recreation. It is proposed that on the first of May clocks shall be turned back two hours, the readjusted time to remain in effect until October 1.

FULL MOON AFFECTS HIM

Ontario Man Who 'Shot Up' Police Station Springs Novel Defense.

DETROIT, Mich., May 17.—The moon will bear an important part in the defense of Richard Kraft, a Berlin, Ont. man, who 10 days ago 'shot up' police headquarters in Windsor, Ont., and wounded three officers.

When he was arraigned today his mother said Richard had, since childhood, suffered from spells of mental derangement when the moon was full.

VIENNA GROWLING AGAINST KAISER

EXTRAVAGANCE OF WELCOME ANGER TAXPAYERS.

Austrian Politicians Fear That German Aid in Balkans May Cost Dearly.

VIENNA, May 17.—(Special.)—This city is echoing with gossip and comment in connection with the visit of Emperor William. It is agreed that the welcome of the august visitor was outwardly hearty and that the decorations were on a scale quite disproportionate to the brief and incidental character of the visit. Indeed, the extravagance of the municipal authorities has aroused the indignation of the already overburdened taxpayers.

As to the real inward welcome of the Kaiser, there is less certainty. Despite glowing panegyrics of the Viennese newspapers and their assurances of gratitude for Germany's support in the dark days of the Balkan crisis, coupled with declarations that the future interests of the two empires will be still more closely united, politicians are afraid that Austria has given Germany a heavy mortgage on her future. Austria may be forced to join Germany in any foreign policy the latter chooses to adopt.

PULLMAN WINS IN DEBATE

Defeats Oregon Agricultural College in Championship Contest.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 17.—(Special.)—Washington State College tonight won the debating championship of the Northwest by defeating the Oregon Agricultural College at Pullman, the judges deciding two to one for the Pullman school. The question was: "Resolved, That all cities of the Northwest with a population of 50,000 or more should adopt the Commission form of government patterned after the Des Moines system."

Washington State College supported the affirmative. The State College was represented by J. T. Luffell, L. P. Harrison and Dana T. Murdoch; the Oregon school by J. W. Darling, R. E. Kerr and S. A. Wilson. Judges were Professor Meir, of Spokane, and Professors Hulme and Vaughn, of the University of Idaho, at Moscow. The college chapel was crowded.

LEPERS IMPERIL AMERICA

Laxity of Porto Rican Government Is Menace to United States.

NEW YORK, May 17.—What is said to be alarming laxity on the part of the Porto Rican government in the care and control of lepers will be brought to the attention of the United States Government by Dr. Edward Ehlers, one of a party of four European experts, who have been studying diseases prevalent in the West Indies.

Dr. Ehlers said that under present conditions in Porto Rico it is possible for many lepers to emigrate and carry the disease into the United States. "In the city of Ponce," he said, "I find leprosy very prevalent, and saw many victims in the streets of the city. Two men in an advanced stage of the disease I observed begging in the market place."

SEIZES LUMBER AND MILLS

Court Acts on Charges of Defrauding Choctaw Nation.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., May 17.—Deputy United States Marshal Bacon seized today 5,000,000 feet of lumber, six sawmills and other property of the Pine Hill and Walker-Jenkins lumber companies and smaller concerns. The deputy acted in accordance with writs issued by the United States District Court after an investigation by J. M. Mueller, a special agent of the Department of the Interior, concerning conditions in the timber reservation in the Choctaw section.

The investigation was caused by charges of unlawful timber depredations.

PREFERS DEATH TO PRISON

Expressman Detained as Witness Hangs Himself in Cell.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 17.—John Burns, an aged expressman, committed suicide today by hanging, in order to avoid being detained in jail as a witness against a gang of boxcar thieves recently arrested here. Some time ago he was locked up for three months in order to secure his testimony in a robbery case. He hauled the goods stolen by the boxcar thieves, and was to have been one of the chief witnesses against them. He declared to friends yesterday that he would rather die than go to jail again as a witness and that if he was served with a subpoena again he would kill himself.

'PATHFINDER' TAKES TRAIN

Advance Car of New York-to-Seattle Auto Race Reaches Easton.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 17.—The pathfinder car for the New York-to-Seattle automobile race, arrived in Easton this evening. The party will remain there until tomorrow, when the automobile will be placed on a flatcar and brought through the Snoqualmie Pass on the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railroad.

At North Bend the party will lay over until Wednesday forenoon at 10 o'clock, when they will be met by a large delegation of Seattle automobilists, who will escort them into the city.

REDUCE RATES TO INTERIOR POINTS

Railroads Will Accept Spokane Decision.

AVERAGE CUT OF 15 PER CENT

Voluntary Reduction Made in Hope of Satisfying Public.

COAST RATES UNCHANGED

Freight Carriers Decide Not to Appeal Spokane Ruling, but Will Stand Loss of Revenue to Save Trouble.

CHICAGO, May 17.—The Record-Herald will say tomorrow:

A new freight rate schedule from all the territory east of the Missouri River to all the western cities not located on the Pacific Coast will go into effect on the transcontinental lines July 1. The new rates will be based upon the rates which the Interstate Commerce Commission ordered the railroads to put in from St. Paul and Chicago to Spokane and will be an average reduction under the present rates of about 15 per cent.

Tariffs Now Being Prepared.

The railroads decided to do this instead of fighting the order of the Commission in the courts. The decision resulted from a visit of J. C. Stubbs, traffic director of the Harriman lines, to the Commission in Washington last week. Conferences are being held in Chicago at which the new tariffs are being prepared. One of the officials who are attending said:

General Reduction in Rates.

The railroads have decided to try to carry out the principle announced by the Commission in the Spokane rate decision. Instead of appealing to the courts to prevent such a reduction in our revenue. The result will be a general reduction in all rates from the vast territory east of the Missouri River to all the territory west of the river, save that along the coast. It will also mean reduction in many rates from the West to many Eastern points. It will be a voluntary reduction by the railroads, solely in the hope of satisfying public opinion, as in the opinion of the country our rates are too high.

VICTIMS OF ROOSEVELT

Six Lions, Rhinoceros and Other Things at Nairobi for Staffing.

WILSON, East Africa, May 17.—Edmund Heller, one of the zoologists of the Roosevelt expedition, came into Nairobi this morning with some 50 specimens of animal and bird life that are to be cured and preserved here. They include six rhinoceros, six lions, two giraffes, 29 smaller kinds of game and a variety of birds.

DIVORCE LAWYER IS SUED FOR DIVORCE

SAVED NOTORIETY FOR OTHERS BUT HE CANNOT ESCAPE.

Grey, Formerly Bukowsky, Sued by Mrs. Bukowsky, Whose Name He Forgot to Change.

Robert James Grey, whose name used to be Bukowsky, and who was known as the attorney who procured "quick-meal divorces," has been himself made one of the principals in a divorce case, and the notoriety which he kindly helped others to escape bids fair to descend in accumulated force upon his own shoulders.

Robert Grey is sued for divorce by his wife, Mrs. Jessie Bukowsky. When he had his name changed two years ago he neglected to have that of his wife and child changed at the same time. So, if Mrs. Bukowsky is allowed to resume her maiden name she will then be Miss Jessie Porter, and the child's name, Doris Bukowsky, and the father's name Grey. Mrs. Bukowsky alleges simple desertion, occurring March 25, last year. She says her husband earns \$25 a week, and is well able to pay \$20 a month alimony. She was an Oregon City girl and married her husband August 24, 1904.

Grey came into prominence when he gave out information he would secure divorces for his clients without the slightest embarrassment, their testimony being taken down in shorthand in the privacy of his office, the notes transcribed and the transcript submitted to the judge, who would then grant the decree.

PROSPERITY AT PITTSBURG

Wage Advance of 10 Per Cent for 35,000 Steel Men Promised Soon.

PITTSBURG, May 17.—Announcement was made here tonight that 35,000 employees of iron and steel companies having headquarters in this vicinity will receive an advance in wages averaging 10 per cent the first of June or the first of July.

The United States Steel Corporation has made no announcement of an increase in wages, but it is said the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company, the Republic Iron & Steel Company and other independent concerns would restore the wages paid prior to the first of last April.

NOT ADVOCATE OF WHISKY

Mrs. Peck Labeled by Being Advertised as Such.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The case of Elizabeth Peck vs. the Chicago Tribune Company, involving a charge of libel by Mrs. Peck against the Tribune, because of the publication of her portrait as part of an advertisement endorsing a certain brand of whisky, was decided by the United States Supreme Court today in favor of Mrs. Peck. Justice Holmes announced the decision.

It appears from the record in the case that Mrs. Peck was a temperance advocate.

TWO DAYS' SNOW STORM

Alberta Has Chilly May Weather and Coal Is Scarce.

WINNIPEG, Man., May 17.—Alberta is having the most remarkable weather in its history. Reports from MacLeod and Lethbridge state that it has been snowing there for 48 hours, with no prospects of a let-up. The scarcity of coal on account of a miners' strike makes conditions unusually severe.

CONTEST NEAR OF SPRECKELS' WILL

Two Disinherited Sons Take First Step.

JOHN D. AND ADOLPH LEFT OUT

Widow Shares Estate With Two Sons and Daughter.

MOVE TO BLOCK TRANSFER

Administration by Rudolph and Claus Cannot Proceed Until Demurrer Decided—Half of Estate Is Involved.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—Legal proceedings, the effect of which will be to test the validity of the will of the late Claus Spreckels, the sugar magnate, who died at his home in this city a few months ago, leaving an estate valued at many millions, were begun today.

The will divided the estate into two equal portions, one of which goes to the widow without restrictions of any kind and the other into the hands of Rudolph and Claus A. Spreckels, two of the four sons, as trustees, to be distributed, as later directed, on the death of the widow. The trustees were also named as executors of the will.

Two Sons Ignored.

During the life of the widow she was to receive a portion of the income from the half of the estate held by the trustees and on her death that portion was to be divided into three parts, one of which was to go to Rudolph, one to Claus and the other to be held by the trustees and the income to be paid to the daughter, Emma C. Ferris.

By these terms the two other sons, John D. Spreckels and Adolph Spreckels, were ignored in the distribution of the estate, except for unimportant bequests.

Move to Suspend Rights.

The executors filed a petition with the court a week ago, asking that property valued at between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000, being a portion of the half of the estate held in trust, be transferred from such executors to them as trustees. This action is protested by John D. Spreckels and Adolph Spreckels in a demurrer to the petition, filed today. The demurrer is viewed as a protective measure, taken by the protestants with a view to the safeguarding of any rights they might have in the estate. Should the petition have been granted without demurrer on their part, the validity of the will would have been well established in the eyes of the law.

ATTACK TRUST PROVISIONS

John and Adolph Spreckels Think They and Sister Unfairly Treated.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—(Special.)—John D. and Adolph Spreckels, elder sons of the late sugar millionaire, Claus

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WANDERING WIFE IS NOT DISINHERITED

HORACE C. HOSFORD LEFT FORTUNE AT FATHER'S DEATH.

Packet of Letters Given Bride on Wedding Day Is Found to Contain Legacy.

DENVER, May 17.—Mr. and Mrs. Horace Crow Hosford, the latter being the former Miss Helen Youngerman, daughter of the late Carl Youngerman, millionaire of Des Moines, Ia., became suddenly wealthy over-night three days ago and are now journeying to Reno, Neb., where a fortune of \$300,000 awaits him.

Young Hosford, instead of being disinherited as he believed, after years of wandering, suddenly found himself wealthy when his wife a few days ago opened an old suitcase and found therein a packet of papers given her by her father-in-law upon her marriage, with instructions not to open it until after his death. She had forgotten the packet until she found it in the unused suitcase. It contained the elder Hosford's last will reinstating his son, as heir.

REWARDS TOTAL \$66,000

Sleuths Flock to Spokane in Search of Train Robbers.

SPOKANE, May 17.—Responding to the offer of rewards aggregating \$66,000 offered by the Federal authorities and the railroad company for the capture and conviction of the robbers who held up and plundered a Great Northern train near Spokane, detectives are gathering here from many places. Several arrived from Denver, and the Pinkerton force here has been increased to 25.

Spokane police believe that the robbers made their way into Spokane, and a close watch is kept on the saloons and lodging-houses. A number of detectives are working on the theory that the desperadoes are hiding in the mountains back of Colbert.

Police and railway men say they do not believe that Charles McDonald, the notorious trainrobber who broke jail in Helena, Mont., while awaiting trial for holding up a Great Northern train at Rondo, Mont., shared in last Saturday's crime. They say McDonald would not be likely to again invade territory in which he is known to so many persons.

NOMINAL HOME IN RENO

Virginia Harned Qualifying for Divorce Under Nevada Law.

RENO, Nev., May 17.—A report that caused by its circulation in circulation here to the effect that Virginia Harned Sothorn, wife of E. H. Sothorn, has taken up her residence in this city for the purpose of gaining the coveted divorce decree refused her three weeks ago by Judge Pike.

According to the report, Mrs. Sothorn has rented a house in this city, and after residing here for three days, again resumed her theatrical obligations. It is given as her intention that she will return here a few days before the expiration of six months, and in her suit for divorce filed at the end of that time declare herself to have been a bona fide resident of the state for the prescribed period.

INJURED MAN IS BETTER

Oswald Kapsdobl, Badly Smashed in Mill, Has Fighting Chance.

With his own excellent physical constitution plus the determination to live combined, Oswald Kapsdobl, assistant trimmer at the mill of the Inman-Poulsen Lumber Company, who received almost fatal injuries in the mill machinery Saturday morning, is reported by the physicians at St. Vincent's Hospital to be slowly improving.

Whether he will continue to rally cannot be determined. Should he recover it will be considered almost a miracle. The man is conscious, but is kept alive with stimulants. He does not seem to be suffering a great amount of pain, considering the seriousness of the wounds he has received.

CHIEF OF KLICKITATS DIES

Royal Redskin, 110 Years Old, Goes to Happy Hunting Grounds.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., May 17.—(Special.)—Chief Spencer, aged 110, of the Klickitats, died on the Yakima Indian reservation at Fort Simco, Friday.

He remembered the coming of the first white men in 1842 and since that day had been their friend. He was guide and scout in 1855 and 1856 for Major Raines and Colonel Wright.

His entire first family was annihilated by volunteer soldiers in 1856 near the Camasdes, while they were descending the Columbia in a canoe. With him were his wife and two children. He was shot at by Major Raines and Colonel Wright.

FIGHT WILDCAT IN DARK

Railroadmen's Velocipede Collides With Beast, Which Is Killed.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., May 17.—Two men who came to Grand Junction today tell a thrilling story of a battle last night with a large wildcat, which attacked them after they had been hurried 20 feet from a railroad velocipede. The machine collided with the cat in the darkness, and the animal attacked them. A fierce struggle followed, and finally the men killed the wildcat with a log. They were seriously injured.

MYSTERY ENWRAPS DOUBLE TRAGEDY

Crook County Rancher and Bride Slain.

HOUSE IS BURNED TO GROUND

Woman's Blackened Body Is Found in Heap of Ruins.

"ACCIDENT," JURY SAYS

Indications Point to Murder and Suicide by Young Husband Only Four Days After Marriage Has Been Celebrated.

PRINCEVILLE, Ore., May 17.—(Special.)

Four days after their marriage Louis H. Worley and his bride were found dead at their home near Redmond, Sunday, with all indications pointing to murder and suicide by Worley, or double murder by unknown parties.

Worley's body was found in the barn, undressed, with a blanket pulled partly over it and a bullet hole through the head. A .22-caliber revolver, with one chamber empty, lay beside the corpse.

Of the house in which the couple had lived only a pile of charred timbers remained, and in the midst of these was found the remains of the body of Mrs. Worley. Indications are that the double tragedy occurred Saturday evening.

Worley came here from St. Louis, of which city he was a native. He owned one of the best farms in the irrigated district, and was prosperous and highly regarded in the community. Recently he sent for Miss Ruth Le Roy, of Chicago, aged 22, his sweetheart, whom he had known in the East, and she came here to marry him. The wedding took place last Wednesday, and the couple went to the ranch at once and took up housekeeping.

The couple had no close neighbors, and when one of those who lived some distance away was asked for information.

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