

RAILROAD BILL IS INTACT, SAYS TAFT

Measure Is Safe in All Its Vital Parts.

PRESIDENT REVIEWS PLANS

Importance of Conservation Bills Is Emphasized.

\$30,000,000 BONDS JUST

Validation of Withdrawals Essential. In Address at Passaic, N. J., Executive Tells of Hopes for Early Legislation.

PASSAIC, N. J., May 9.—In a speech before the Passaic Board of Trade here tonight, President Taft declared with a great deal of emphasis, and amid an outburst of applause, that the railroad bill had not been devitalized and predicted that a satisfactory law would be passed. "The bill," said the President, "still retains its important features and I am hopeful that within the next few weeks we shall see the passage of the bill in both houses, the adjustment of the differences between the two houses and its final enactment."

Measures Will Pass.

In a review of pending legislation Mr. Taft expressed the belief that the following measures would be enacted into law: Stalehood for Arizona and New Mexico; Postal savings banks; Anti-injunction; The so-called validating bill of the conservation measures; The publicity of campaign expenditures; The railroad bill; Passaic turned out its entire population to honor the President. The streets were crowded and school children waving flags lined the thoroughfares.

President Suffers From Cold.

President Taft was decidedly hoarse tonight. He left Washington this morning with a severe cold, which threatened bronchial complications. His physician, Dr. J. Richardson, of Washington, accompanied him.

Hope for Restoration Expressed.

"Section 12 was also withdrawn. That is the section that forbids the acquisition by one railroad company of the stock in a competing line, but where such an acquisition already has been made of 50 per cent, authorizes the acquiring company to increase its holdings to 100 per cent. This was not with the view of strengthening the control of the acquiring company, for 50 per cent is all that is needed, but it was to keep open the market to the minority stockholders to sell to the majority stockholders. This, too, it was thought in some way infringed on the anti-trust law, and the whole section was dropped.

"I am hopeful the section may be restored to the extent of forbidding future acquisition by one line of stock in a competing line. It is true that such an act affecting interstate commerce might be part of a conspiracy to restrain competition and to restrain trade and be punishable under the anti-trust act, but it would greatly facilitate prosecutions if the specific act of the acquisition of stock in a competing line could be denounced and punished or prevented by injunction.

Railroad Bill Step Forward.

"I think it will be seen from this review that the railroad bill, which in many respects is the most important of the administration, still retains its important features, and I am hopeful that within the next two weeks we shall see the passage of the bill in both houses, the adjustment of the differences between the houses and its final enactment. It means a great step forward in the power of regulation entrusted to the Interstate Commerce Commission subject to a court review.

Taft Jest With Guests.

President Taft referred to his cold, saying that when he woke up with it yesterday he thought it would be necessary to cancel his visit to Passaic. "And then, too," he added, "those friends of mine in Congress—in the Senate and in the House—were saying that I was violating my duty in coming to Passaic at this time. But against all that I struggled and I am mighty glad to be here."

ASTORIA GIRL GETS FIVE-POUND TROUT

SPECIMEN LARGEST OF KIND EVER KNOWN THERE.

Monster Strikes at Bright Fly and Is Landed With Only Light Rod.

ASTORIA, Or., May 9.—(Special).—With a light rod and a bright fly Miss Laura Chisholm, of this place, yesterday afternoon hooked the largest specimen of mountain trout ever recorded in this vicinity. It measured 28 inches long and weighed five pounds, and is on exhibition in a local store.

With a party of young men and women Miss Chisholm was out for a Sunday's fishing on the Upper Lewis and Clark River. Her cast was rewarded with a strike that nearly pulled her off her feet, and the huge trout started to run away with tackle and fisher, too. Will Houghton, casting her by, ran to her assistance, and, after a hard fight, the trout was landed.

Some who have seen it profess to believe it is a half-breed, or a salmon trout, but those who have fished in this part of the country for years say it is a mountain trout without any doubt.

FLATHEAD RUSH BEGINS

Landseekers Flock to Missoula Land Office to Make Filings.

MISSOULA, Mont., May 9.—(Special).—Saturday all trains arriving in Missoula, both from the East and the West, have been bringing numerous landseekers, who are here to make filings and selections on land in the Flathead Reservation. From early this morning until the doors of the Land Office were opened and entirely blocked the entrance, patiently awaiting the hour for their names to be called by Register Daniel Arms.

The morning's work showed 24 names called, and from this number four were selected and only making selection, the other three filing their names without taking a trip to see the land. The numbers held and names of parties responding to the call this morning were as follows:

Edward M. Weber, holding No. 4, from Hilliard, Wash.; Sylvester E. Stone, of Baynes, B. C., holding No. 5; Alfred Wallin, of Prairie du Chien, Wis., holding No. 17. Names are being called at the rate of four every half hour today and tomorrow, after which time four names will be called every 15 minutes until the full 3000 names are exhausted.

Most interest developed at the noon recess, and the first eight whose names were called promptly responded and made their selections.

INSANE CONVICT ESCAPES

Minus Slipper and Hat, Harry Murphy Dives to Freedom.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 9.—(Special).—Somewhere near Medical Lake an insane convict is hiding and officers are searching everywhere for him. Harry Murphy's escape from the asylum was spectacular and daring. A long line of patients was filing out for supper yesterday and in the line was Murphy, criminally insane. A transom into a room of an attendant was open and from that an open window led to escape. As Murphy passed the room he swung nimbly to the top of the door and dived through the transom.

With a step he was across the room. He dived out of the open window and across the country he ran to freedom. In his haste he left one of his slippers and his hat.

Murphy was sent to Walla Walla four years ago from Lewis County for burglary. His term expired May 5. He was then sent to Medical Lake as he was believed to be insane.

OFFICERS READY TO RIDE

Army Men Leave Vancouver Barracks for Camp at Sandy.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., May 9.—(Special).—To take their marching test, the following officers started this morning for Sandy, Or., where a camp has been prepared: Lieutenant-Colonel Gonzales S. Hingham, Deputy Quartermaster-General of the United States Army, who is in command; Major James P. McIndoo, corps of Engineers; Major John H. Gardner, First Cavalry, and Major Francis J. Kernan, Twenty-sixth Infantry. After the three-day ride, the officers will resume their several stations.

Major Henry C. Hodges, Jr., Twenty-second Infantry, Fort William H. Seward, Alaska, has been ordered to go to Fort Egbert, Alaska, to assume command of that post, as soon as navigation opens.

MOSQUITO BITES PITCHER

Criger, Los Angeles Southpaw, Affected in Arm and Side.

LOS ANGELES, May 9.—Elmer Criger, the Angels' southpaw, is disabled. He is suffering from blood poisoning that affects his pitching arm and the greater portion of his left side. He was infected by the bite of a mosquito, according to his physician, who says that, although the septicaemia is under control, Criger will be out of the game for some time.

"GRAFTER" IS SENTENCED

Ex-State Printer of Ohio Goes to Prison for False Vouchers.

COLUMBUS, O., May 9.—Ex-State Printer Mark Slater was sentenced to four years in the Ohio Penitentiary today by Judge Dillon. Slater was convicted of the charge of certifying to false vouchers.

GOHL'S DEFENSE SUDDENLY CLOSES

Hoffman's Body Said to Be Located.

COURT AUDIENCE ASTOUNDED

No Effort Made to Combat Testimony of Prosecution.

CASE MAY BE REOPENED

State Would Introduce More Evidence If Body of Hoffman, Whom Gohl Is Suspected of Killing, Is Recovered From River.

MONTESANO, Wash., May 9.—(Special).—Report this afternoon that the body of John Hoffman had been found spread like wildfire through the court room where William Gohl is on trial for his life, and created a profound sensation.

Fully as startling was the announcement of the defense at 3:30 o'clock that it had completed its case just one hour and 20 minutes after it had begun, without apparent effort to refute the overwhelming evidence introduced by the state.

Case May Be Reopened.

Prosecutor Campbell is scheduled to make his opening statement tomorrow morning, but should word come from Aberdeen that the body of Hoffman has been recovered, it is certain that the state will ask to reopen the case to introduce this new development.

Had Gohl suddenly stood up in his chair and added another murder to those with which he is charged and of which he is suspected, no greater sensation could have followed the announcement that his defense was completed.

Witness' Reputation Bad.

The few witnesses called gave practically no testimony of value, and the one man who alone swore to seeing Gohl in Aberdeen December 21 and 22, has not a reputation of the highest order in this city. The other three witnesses for the defense gave practically no testimony bearing on the case.

The evidence gathered by Sheriff Ed Fayette, of Chehalis County, and Chief of Police George Dean, of Aberdeen, is considered unusually conclusive. Every minute detail has been seized and presented through the testimony of witnesses by Prosecuting Attorney William Campbell and Special Assistant E. E. Boner.

The stubborn fight and piercing cross-examination conducted by Attorneys James A. Hutchison and A. E. Cross for Gohl was another feature which seemed to forecast a fight by the defense. No attempt has been made to deny the statements that Gohl had said that he had put "Hoffman and Hadberg at the bottom of the bay with anchors for pillows"; nothing was said.

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Airing of Lorimer Scandal Drags.

DRASTIC ORDERS MAY ISSUE

Grand Jury Interested in Remark on "Cashing" Voter.

ENGLISH IS PUT-ON STAND

Those Yet to Testify Told Attorney Burke They Heard White, With Large Roll, Bragging of Selling His Charges.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 9.—(Special).—Lack of witnesses blocked any material progress by State's Attorney Burke and the Sangamon County grand jury in investigation of the legislative bribery scandal which was started this afternoon.

O. W. English, of Vienna, was the only witness heard. Three others from O'Fallon, the home of White, were heard, but were sent home by the public prosecutor without being introduced to the grand jury. The testimony was not regarded highly important.

Over 30 subpoenas have been issued, of which 15 have been served, and Mr. Burke expects some of these witnesses to appear tomorrow. If they do not, court attachments may be asked for.

Burke Is in No Hurry.

"But I will not take any drastic measures in a hurry," explained Mr. Burke. "The grand jury can legally remain in session until September 1 and we can wait until all these witnesses are at leisure who are now busy in Cook County." It was evident, however, from Mr. Burke's manner that he was disappointed that persons served with his subpoenas had failed to respond.

The story told the inquisitors by Representative English was practically the same that he told before the Cook County grand jury last week, which is credited with being partly responsible for the confession of Representative Beckemeyer. He said that he was asked over to the capital with Beckemeyer the day Senator Lorimer was elected, and Beckemeyer said that he intended to vote for Stringer.

"Later," continued Mr. English, "I saw Beckemeyer talking with Lee Brown and I heard the name of Lorimer used, but nothing concerning money. When the roll was called Beckemeyer voted for Lorimer."

The jurors asked in detail regarding the interviews of a number of other Democrats with Representative Brown and about English's speech in which he said that dreamers could not be cashed, but that votes could. He said that he had no evidence that votes were paid for.

The other three witnesses who were

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BIBLE WELDED BY DOUGHTY WARRIOR

VOLUNTEER SWINGS IT ALOFT AND FELS RIOTERS.

When Ruffians Assail Woman Officer of Order, Robinson Holds 400 of Them at Bay.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 9.—(Special).—Knocking out rioters with a Bible, which he welded with uncommon strength, until his assailants became struck with awe and fled from his defensive weapon, John W. Robinson, an officer of the Volunteers of America, protected a woman officer of the Volunteers last night, when about 400 ruffians, chiefly members of the L. W. W., attacked her on Los Angeles street.

The usual Sunday night riot on Los Angeles street began when Louis Glendene, who asserts that he is the Supreme Being, was denounced by Lieutenant Romaine, a woman worker for the Volunteers of America. In the riot which followed she was saved from possible injury by her fellow-officer with the Bible, who felled a half dozen and held the mob at bay until the police dispersed it.

LIFTING CAUSES DEATH

Well-Known Athlete Raises \$50 Pounds Rupturing Artery.

LOS ANGELES, May 9.—(Special).—Ralph M. Murray, a promising young business man and athlete, died today after having suffered nearly a year from injuries sustained in a weight-lifting contest, the outcome of a banner. Murray succeeded in raising 350 pounds, but the strain ruptured an artery in his chest and frequent hemorrhages followed until the end.

He was the son of Fred H. Murray, Coast representative of an Eastern carbon company. The family lived a number of years in San Francisco and lost everything in the fire, after which they came here. Young Murray was possessed of an extraordinary physique.

MISER'S \$1000 UNCOVERED

Search of Dead Man's Home Reveals Hidden Treasure.

CORVALLIS, Or., May 9.—(Special).—Over \$1000 has been found in the home of Perry Zumwalt, a lonely bachelor, who died here several weeks ago. When the miser died at the sanitarium he had 80 cents on his person. A hasty search of his premises at the time of his death failed to reveal money or papers. On Saturday, while the police were searching for a Japanese, they found \$915 in gold and a \$100 check.

The money was scattered about in several different hiding places, the largest amount in any one place being \$240.

Zumwalt had little confidence in banks, and his closest relatives knew nothing of his affairs.

WOMAN STRANGELY KILLED

Mutilation of Face Taken to Show Oriental Work.

DENVER, May 9.—Doubled up in a corner of a coalbin, the body of Mrs. Ridway Wilson, 35 years old, was discovered this afternoon. The woman was strangled with a cloth. The police are searching for a Japanese employed by Mrs. Wilson to clean the house.

A peculiar mutilation of the woman's face has given rise to the theory that she was the victim of a secret Oriental organization.

FISHING BOAT GOES DOWN

Crew of Four Men Has Narrow Escape When Schooner Hits Rock.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 9.—The 67-foot gasoline halibut schooner Edith, owned by the International Fisheries Company, was wrecked last night on a reef near Waddah Island, east of Cape Flattery. The crew of four men had scarcely time to get into a gory and save themselves.

Nothing was saved from the schooner, which slipped off the reef into deep water and has not been located.

VILLAGE SWEEP BY FIRE

Shingle and Lumber Mills Furnish Food for Flames.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., May 7.—Telephone messages from Nooksack, 15 miles north of this city, says the hamlet of Glen Echo, near that point, is burning and every building in the village will be destroyed.

The Glen Echo shingle and lumber mills, with dry kilns and stock, are already destroyed. Help was dispatched from Nooksack in an effort to save the village. The loss on the burned mills is estimated at \$50,000.

SUFFRAGE WORK HALTED

Officers of Ellensburg Association All Off Duty.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., May 9.—(Special).—The woman's suffrage movement in this city is dead.

Of the members of the Ellensburg association, Mrs. David Murray, president, is on a trip around the world; Mrs. Beaumont Apple, vice-president, is not acting; Mrs. C. W. Johnson, treasurer, has resigned, and Mrs. R. B. Wilson, the secretary, has died.

DR. AND MRS. HYDE BOTH TELL STORY

Accused Physician and Wife Nervous.

PROSECUTION CONTRADICTED

Mrs. Hyde Describes Colonel Swope's Symptoms.

BLEEDING OF HUNTON TOLD

Dr. Twyman Stopped Flow, Testify Both—Mrs. Hyde's Mother Angry at Son-in-Law Over Question of Property Left to Hunton.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 9.—Dr. B. C. Hyde and his wife were both witnesses today in the trial of the doctor on the charge of murdering Colonel Thomas H. Swope. Both denied statements made by witnesses for the prosecution regarding the bleeding of Moss Hunton before he died. Mrs. Hyde also contradicted statements made that Colonel Swope had said he wished he had never taken medicine given him by Dr. Hyde. She also described his symptoms as different from what the nurses had said.

On first taking the stand Mrs. Hyde was nervous and broke into sobs when Moss Hunton's name was mentioned. After a few moments, however, she became composed and after that made a good witness. She said:

"Who prescribed all of the medicine for the patients in the house?" asked Mr. Walsh.

"Dr. Twyman." Mrs. Hyde said it was only when she failed to get a woman to go to New York to meet Lucy Lee Swope that Dr. Hyde made the trip.

Resuming the stand this afternoon, Mrs. Hyde was asked about the trouble between her and Mrs. Swope over the disposal of property left by Colonel Swope to Miss Hunton. This matter came up in November, 1908. Mrs. Swope desired Mrs. Hyde to give her share of the property to Mrs. Lizzie Moore, a sister of Mrs. Hunton.

"Did you take any advice from Dr. Hyde on the matter?" asked Mr. Walsh.

"No; I took Stewart Fleming's advice not to do it," answered Mrs. Hyde.

Mother Angry at Hyde.

"Didn't your mother say, when you refused her request: 'This is Clark Hyde's work. He does not love you; he only wants your money. I will see that he never gets any of the Swope money?'"

"She said that."

"What was her manner?"

"She seemed very angry." The defense closed its examination at this point.

How Hunton Was Bled.

"My mother summoned me and my husband to her house from our home when Mr. Hunton was attacked on the night of October 1. We knew nothing of his illness until the morning of the 2d. Dr. Twyman, my husband and I were in the room when Mr. Hunton was bled. I held his head, Dr. Hyde made the incision in the right arm and Dr. Twyman held the string that fastened the artery.

"After that had held Mr. Hunton's head while the physicians began to discuss the advisability of stopping the flow of blood. I told them the temples were throbbing violently. Finally they agreed the bleeding should stop, and then Dr. Twyman tied the string."

"Did Dr. Twyman say to your husband that enough blood had been taken and ask him to stop the bleeding?" asked Mr. Walsh.

"He did not," answered the witness.

"Did you ask your husband to clean the artery, saying Dr. Twyman wanted him to stop the bleeding?"

"I did not," Mrs. Hyde, drawn from a Mr. Hunton's body was placed in a bowl which contained water," said Mrs. Hyde. It was at her order, she testified, that the drinking water was taken to the Swope house. Her husband, she said, never saw the bottle until it was on the way to the house. For more than a year prior to her ordering the water taken to the residence, she had not drunk any of the water at the Swope house.

Filtered Water Used.

"Did not the Swope family subsequently adopt the use of filtered water?" asked Mr. Walsh.

"They did," the witness answered. "The water cooler in the house was a barrel and the ice was dropped directly into it." On account of this condition and also because the water was drawn from a cistern, she refused to drink the filtered water.

Mrs. Hyde then told of Colonel Swope's habit of using a medicine containing strychnine, iron and quinine. There was a bottle of this remedy in his room up to the time of his death, she said.

BRIDGE FALLS INTO RIVER

No One Is Hurt at Tillamook When Structure Collapses.

TILLAMOOK, Or., May 9.—(Special).—The bridge across the Trask River, south of town, collapsed this morning and tumbled into the river.



CERTAIN PERSONS SEEM LIKELY TO GET THEIR "NEEDINGS."