

JINGLE SAM FINDS NEW SUGAR FRAUD

Abuse "Drawback" Privileges at New York May Cause Huge "Refunds."

INSPECTION IS AT FAULT

Lax System Makes It Possible to Export Almost Anything in Name of Product of Beet and Get Big Bonus.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Customs experts from the Treasury and special agents of the Department of Justice are making an investigation which promises to add another chapter to the sugar frauds.

An alleged abuse of the "drawback" privileges, principally at New York, is under investigation, and one officer says the revelations promise to put the Government in a position to recover nearly as much as in the underweighing cases, when more than \$3,000,000 was paid to the Treasury.

When sugar is imported, it pays a duty, unless coming from the Philippines, and when it is manufactured into a product and in that form is exported, the duty is refunded in the form of a "drawback" except 1 per cent, which is retained to defray the cost of tariff administration.

Under this arrangement sugar is imported raw, exported as syrup and many other byproducts of sugar. On each of these the treasury makes "drawback" refunds.

About \$3,000,000 is paid in that way each year and half that amount is "drawback" on exports of sugar and tin.

Officials say frauds in sugar extending over several years could easily run into a large amount.

Some of the investigations are said to show that the Government has been defrauded in the "drawbacks" it allowed on syrups.

It is charged the refunds have been paid on high grades of sugar, commanding high duties, while, in fact, a very low grade of sugar was used.

Under the system of examination, the customs authorities are confronted with the probability that they may have been paying "drawbacks" on shipments which were not sugar at all, but might, in fact, have been sawdust, as far as the usual inspection developed.

ELLENSBURG IS LIBERAL

Town of 4209 Persons Raises Over \$40,000 for Y. M. C. A.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—With a 10-day campaign for \$40,000 for the Young Men's Christian Association ending tomorrow night at 10:30, the mark set was passed at noon today, and C. A. Gummert, field secretary of the association, who is in the city in charge of the work, expects that the total will be above \$50,000 when the final accounting is made.

The cash subscriptions for the fund at noon today were \$30,977, and this does not include a site for the building valued at \$8000 which has been donated, nor does it include a woman's campaign for furnishing the building, which has already yielded \$2500 and which will probably be raised \$1000 more before tomorrow.

The 1910 census gives Ellensburg a population of 4209. Thus the amount subscribed is more than \$19 for every person in the city. This is believed to set a record for the state and Northwest.

HARBIN APPEALS TO JAPS

Russian Physicians Refuse to Succor Cholera Victims.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 21.—The correspondent at Vladivostok of the Rech telegraphs that the ravages of the bubonic plague in Mongolia are unchecked. Corpses frequently mark the sites of abandoned camps of nomads.

The situation in Manchuria is grave. The German Consul at Harbin has addressed a pressing note to the Tsar, demanding that the Russian government be taken to stay the epidemic and stating that otherwise Germany will interfere. The municipality of Harbin has invited Japanese physicians to attend the diseased in the barracks, as the Russians refuse to expose themselves.

From October 26 to December 11 432 Chinese and 11 Russians were stricken and 482 Chinese and 30 Russians have died within the precincts of the Eastern Chinese Railroad.

WORKMEN FALL TO DEATH

Two Injured Cling to Elevator Shaft Until Rescued.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—Hurled from the seventh to the ground floor of the new Hotel Alexandria Annex, by the breaking of a work elevator, Ernest Pearson and J. Lawrence were dead, Charles Teutz and Steve Smith, two laborers, were injured, but saved their lives by clinging to the sides of the elevator shaft until rescued.

The men had started from the ground floor with several barrels of putty, and when they reached an upper floor, increased their load to a total of about 8000 pounds. It is said this weight was greater than the elevator was built to carry, and the accident followed.

NONUNION GOODS STOLEN

Woolens Bound for Tailors Shops Disappear in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Five thousand dollars' worth of woolens, waiting to be delivered to nonunion tailor shops, were stolen today from the Hirsch-Wickmaier Company, whose garment workers are on strike.

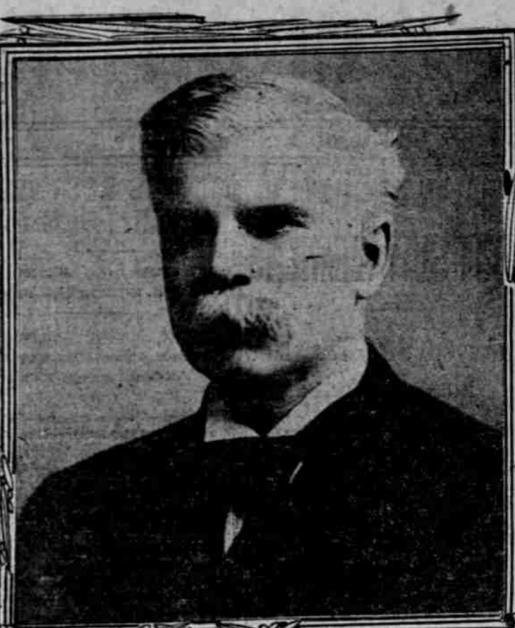
The goods had been loaded on a wagon and were in a barn ready for immediate delivery, to be made up in clothing. Shortly afterward, however, it was discovered that the place had been broken into and the goods carried away.

SHIP IS AFIRE IN OPEN SEA

Wireless at Brest Secures Report of Ocean Disaster.

HELEST, France, Dec. 21.—A wireless message was received tonight from the steamer Prinz Eitel Friedrich that she had sighted a Belgian steamer on fire in the open sea. The crew appeared to have escaped in the boats.

TWO PROMINENT FIGURES IN ENGINEERS' THREATENED STRIKE



Warren S. Stone, Chief of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

CLIMAX IS AT HAND

Engineers Refuse Arbitration and May Walk Out Today.

ORIGINAL DEMAND STANDS

W. S. Stone, Grand Chief of Brotherhood, Says Railroad Offer of 9 1-2 Per Cent Increase Must Be Raised or Men Go Out.



Dr. Charles P. Neill, Commissioner of Labor.

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In conference with the trainmen and conductors for several weeks, but the negotiations have hardly reached the point where any definite offer can be made in figures.

It is said that W. J. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and A. B. Garretson, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, have been prolonging the negotiations to give the engineers a chance to come to an agreement. They do not want to sign up an agreement and leave the engineers out, as the latter were the first to begin negotiations for an increase on the Western roads.

Conference Carries Into Night. Dr. Neill was in conference with managers until nearly midnight, but whether they authorized him to make any further advances to the engineers he would not say. The managers so far have not formally proposed arbitration under the Erdman law, but it is known that they are reserving that as a final card which they will play as soon as it becomes certain settlement cannot be reached through mediation.

The Erdman law was enacted at the request of the railroad brotherhoods and it is said the engineers can hardly refuse to avail themselves of its provisions. They may be able to avoid it, however, by imposing conditions which the managers will not accept and that is said to be the purpose of Mr. Stone in offering to arbitrate the difference in wages, rather than the entire question.

That the question will be definitely settled tomorrow, was said to be virtually certain. The managers are not anxious to prolong the suspense, as they say it interferes seriously with the service. When the employees are in a state of uncertainty as to whether they are to be called out on strike at any time, it is said they do not give the best service and every day of delay is costing the railroads money. They are anxious to have the slate wiped clean with the engineers, conductors and trainmen by the beginning of the year, if it is possible.

CANADIANS WOULD GO OUT, TOO

Engineers Offer to Strike in Sympathy With Americans.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Locomotive engineers and railroad officials in Winnipeg talked about the threatened engineers' strike on 41 American roads stated this afternoon that every engineer in Western Canada would go out with the Americans.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Twenty-three states participated in the division of the money received from public lands during last year, according to figures given out at the General Land Office today. The total amount received from the public land sales totalled approximately \$11,158,460, of which \$5,257,695 was placed in the United States Treasury as the net proceeds of the sales, \$4,878,844 went to the credit of the reclamation fund and \$1,021,921 was turned over to the United States as its share of the proceeds. Only 15 states participated in the division of the reclamation funds. Those states receiving no funds on this account have no reclamation projects within their borders. North Dakota leads with the largest amount turned into the treasury, \$753,974; ranks first in the amount received by the states, \$2,444, but takes third place in the amount given to the credit of the reclamation fund, \$882,714.

South Dakota is second in the divisions. The net proceeds conveyed into the treasury from the sale of lands in that state amounted to \$701,305; the amount accredited to the state is \$25,000, and the amount for the reclamation fund is \$28,314.

The third state in the matter of net proceeds turned into the treasury and the amount accredited to the state is \$212,175. The amount to the state is \$21,655, and the amount to the reclamation fund is given as \$92,721.

"COUNTESS" IS ENRAGED AMERICAN WIFE OF FRENCHMAN ASTONISHES COURT. "Shameless Viper" Is Denounced; Love, She Says, Caused Her to Mary Picture Faker.

TOURS, France, Dec. 21.—Examination of "Count" D'Aulby de Gattigny was continued by Judge Roberts today at the resumption of the trial of D'Aulby and his American wife on the charge of having swindled the Duchess of Choiseul-Praslin in the sale of spurious pictures during the life of her former husband, Charles Hamilton Paine, of Boston.

D'Aulby declared he had never claimed the pictures sold to the Paines were masterpieces, but had allowed them to be authenticated by American experts and by American newspapers, which had suggested that the works in question be exhibited at the Metropolitan Museum in New York City.

He added that even the late E. H. Harriman had been interested in his offerings and had manifested a desire to be authenticated by American experts and by American newspapers, which had suggested that the works in question be exhibited at the Metropolitan Museum in New York City.

Growing excited, D'Aulby shouted: "Those who say he never wrote this letter are liars."

After a recess, D'Aulby's lawyer read a letter purporting to be signed by the Duke of Choiseul, claiming that Choiseul the husband of Mrs. Paine, had no right to the title of "Duke of Choiseul," that he was the Duke of Praslin's representative, a junior branch of the House of Choiseul, and a grandson of the Duke of Praslin, "of bloody memory."

"Countess" D'Aulby, unlike her husband, speaks French with wonderful rapidity, but nearly drove the aged judge to despair by lapses into American. She exclaimed, in reference to the plaintiff, "I didn't know her relations with my husband until later, but if I had known I would have driven her out like the shameless viper she was."

The witness said she had met D'Aulby in New York and married him for love, being drawn to him because of his musical ability. She never mixed in her

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husband's business affairs and never knew he sold pictures to Mrs. Paine. She refused to answer questions of opposing counsel calculated to show she had conspired to brighten the plaintiff's interest in the pictures, saying that persons so alleging were "liars in the first degree."

To complete the day a Parisian expert who examined the paintings purchased by Mrs. Paine, testified that some of them were deplorable copies, others possible, but that none was what the catalogue pretended.

POTATOES ARE TESTED

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CONDUCTS EXPERIMENTS.

Five-Acre Tract Near Stockton Used to Grow "Spuds" to Determine Starch Values.

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The potatoes in the five-acre experimental field on the Rindge tract, west of Stockton, are being harvested by E. C. Rutherford, of the Bureau of Plant Industry of Washington, D. C., to secure data upon which to work in improving the starch in the tubers and an increase in the yield throughout the Delta district, even if it is very large at present.

The "spuds" are planted under the supervision of Professor W. Stewart, of the United States Agricultural Department, and different methods were employed, both as to soil and seeding. This is the second time potatoes have been planted there and it is expected much valuable information will result when the tests on the crop this year are completed.

Another important object in making the experiment is to secure the best variety of potatoes that will resist what is known as "scab" and "wilt," two diseases that cause the growers much loss some seasons. They are the only diseases that have caused any annoyance here, and up to date have not been the source of much loss. The seed used in

the experiment was fumigated and the vines treated.

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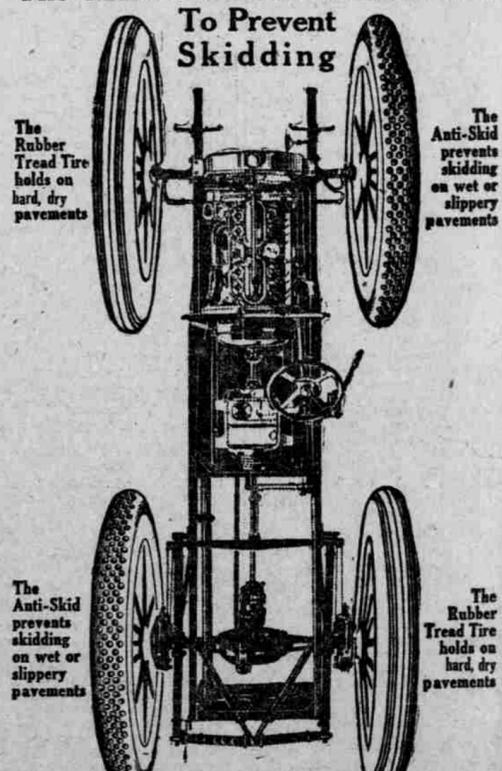
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