

GOVERNORS HONOR EDWIN L. NORRIS

Montana Man Elected President of Western Executives' Organization.

OREGON CHIEF SECRETARY

Lives of Two Endangered When Auto Skids on Indianapolis Motor Speedway While Going 60 Miles an Hour.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The Governors of the West on board the Western Governors' special train...

Governors Hawley, of Idaho, and Burke, of North Dakota, were appointed a committee to draw up suitable resolutions...

The states included within the organization are California, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Kansas, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Colorado, Wyoming, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana and Utah.

The lives of two members of the party of seven Governors were endangered when an automobile carrying Governor Norris of Montana and Governor Carey of Wyoming...

The Governor's special arrived this afternoon in Chicago. A large number of business and professional men sat at luncheon with the Indiana visitors at the Garmon House.

HILL HOST AT BANQUET

Oregon and Washington Represented at Commerce Celebration.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—At the Association of Commerce banquet given tonight, the following men from Oregon and Washington were present as guests of Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway...

The Land Show attendance increases daily. There is great interest in both Washington and Oregon. A card verifying the coming Elk grand lodge reunion is prominently displayed in the Great Northern exhibit.

China Pheasants in Kilkittat.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Several bands of China pheasants have been recently by the crew of the city rockcrusher on the Little Kilkittat river...

Cable Jerks; Logger Killed.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Coroner Charles Stricklin was called to Little Falls to look into the cause of the death of Frank Hurst, killed while in the employ of the Sitka Lumber Company...

Clark Officials' Books Checked.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The books of all of the county officers in the Courthouse are being checked from 1905 to date by representatives of the State Bureau of Inspection and Supervision of Public Offices.

Hunter Injured by Companion.

CHEWALIE, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—While E. Hagen and Charles Hering were hunting three miles south of Chewalie, the shotgun which was carried by Hagen was accidentally discharged, hitting Hering just below the right knee...

Tacoma Census Padders Guilty.

TACOMA, Dec. 15.—In the Federal Court 15 men, all but two of whom were pleading guilty to padding census returns in Tacoma, alleging they acted under orders of their superiors. Judge Rudkin imposed a fine of \$50 each.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF WESTERN GOVERNORS EN TOUR.



JURY WINS STRIKE

Court Accepts Verdict, but Will Set It Aside.

JUDGE AMENDS LANGUAGE

Bootless Triumph Rests With Plaintiff in Suit Against Priest Accused of Undue Influence Over Testator.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—The "striking jury" in Judge James E. Withrow's court triumphed today when it returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the McDermott will case...

The court announced, however, that on the motion of either side, the verdict would be set aside. A slight change in the judge's language in sending the jury back to deliberate today opened the way for a verdict.

"The judge had kept asking us if we had signed the verdict," said Foreman Hartmann. "He told us today to go back and deliberate until we reached a verdict. We did."

Mrs. Mary Farrington had sued Rev. Father John White, executor of the estate of her mother, Bridget Mothermott, charging that he had exercised undue influence over Mrs. McDermott.

The court held that insufficient evidence had been introduced by the plaintiff and directed the jury to return a verdict for the defendant. This the 12 men refused to do, saying they would stand on their rights as American citizens.

The jury handed the following verdict to Judge Withrow: "We, the jury, find for the plaintiff, for the reason that from the circumstantial evidence of witnesses we believe there was undue influence exerted over Mrs. McDermott by the defendant at the time she executed the testament in question and that it was not her last will and testament."

"Gentlemen of the jury, although your verdict is in violation of the order of the Supreme Court in the rulings of the Supreme Court it becomes my duty to accept it. Upon motion of either party—the plaintiff or the defendant—the verdict will be set aside and a new trial ordered. The jury is discharged."

BURNS AIDS OHIO INQUIRY

Cuyahoga County Grand Jury to Investigate Dynamiting.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 15.—Dynamite explosions that have wrecked or otherwise damaged manufacturing plants in Northern Ohio are to undergo grand jury investigation by the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Cline and Detective Burns had a conference here today, after which the County Prosecutor announced that the Cuyahoga County grand jury, at its January meeting, would begin the investigation of the outrages. The authorities, Mr. Cline said, would have the assistance of Detective Burns.

Mr. Burns said today that he pursued claiming the rewards that were offered by various persons or organizations for the arrest and conviction of those guilty of the Los Angeles Times explosion. These, he said, aggregated \$7500. Some of the offers were made by labor unions.

FORT HAS TERROR REIGN

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The Government bridge across the Kaw River was dynamited on the night of June 24. It was necessary to tear away part of the bridge in order to save any of it.

No troops were in the fort when an explosion in the Troop A stable killed 27 horses on June 25. Officers are firm in their belief that the plotters planned to cut the fort off from water when they blew up a water main on the night of October 3. The attempt was only partly successful. The fort was left without water only one day.

One other fire, on September 3, was discovered, but it did little damage.

Ex-Soldier Will Tell.

An ex-soldier, whose name is closely guarded, has written to Lieutenant Colonel Hoyte, commander of the Sixth Field Artillery, from New York, where he is living, that he is in possession of the facts regarding the destruction of the engineers' bridge. Reference to Army records show that he was at Fort Riley at the time and has since been discharged from the service. Colonel Hoyte has asked the ex-soldier to supply him with the details.

Friends of the Rev. Mr. Brewer and Mrs. Jordan are declaring that the preacher and Mrs. Jordan are the innocent victims of the unbalanced mind of Private Quirk. It is pointed out that Quirk has been in solitary confinement at the Fort Riley guard house for three months and it was only after he confessed that he was released therefrom.

ABOVE: GOVERNORS' PARTY ON STEAMER AT BALTIMORE—BELOW: GOVERNOR CROTHERS, OF MARYLAND, SHAKING HANDS WITH GOV. EDWIN L. NORRIS, OF IDAHO.

CHECK IS PROPOSED

Killing of Opposition to Aldrich Plan Proposed.

Rumor had it today that practically all the members of one battery are believed to be involved in the plot, which is said to have had for its purpose the destruction of the entire fort. The members of Battery E now under arrest are kept in close confinement and no one is permitted to talk with them.

MAN DEPENDS ACCUSED PAIR

Ex-Marshal Asserts Neither Rev. Mr. Brewer Nor Woman Were in Plot.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 15.—W. H. Mackey, deputy warden of the Federal penitentiary here and formerly a United States Marshal for Kansas, who investigated the explosions and fires at Fort Riley, tonight said that neither Rev. Mr. Brewer nor Mrs. Anna Jordan was implicated in the crimes. Brewer, he said, was in Texas at the time and never returned to Junction City, Kan.

DISTRICTS GAIN POWER

Proposal Made That Local Branches Elect 30 Instead of 15 of 40 National Directors—State Banks Ask Relief.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—In an effort to dissipate any fear that a group of large banks might get control of the National Reserve Association, the cardinal feature of the Aldrich plan of currency reform, the National Monetary Commission is considering a plan to enlarge the powers of the district branches of the National Reserve Association.

Under the Aldrich idea, the country would be divided into 18 districts or branches of the association. It is proposed to amend the plan so that the district associations would elect 30 instead of 15 of the 40 National directors.

According to the proposed amendment, each district branch will elect two directors, one representing the banks in the district and the other not an officer or director of a financial institution, representing the industrial, commercial and agricultural interests of the community.

State bank officials representing New York, Massachusetts, Ohio, Montana, Washington and Texas conferred today with Controller of the Currency Murray in regard to the number of bank examinations under the Aldrich plan. Unless some change is made the state institutions would be subject to the examination of the Controller of the Currency, the National Reserve Association and numerous state authorities.

LINDBERGH DEMANDS INQUIRY

"Money Kings" Accused of Plotting Against People.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A plea for the creation of a special committee of five to investigate the so-called money trust was made before the House rules committee today by Representative Lindbergh, of Minnesota. Mr. Lindbergh's contention is that a syndicate of bankers and allied capital controlling the reserve funds in American banks dominates the financial world.

Mr. Lindbergh criticized the Aldrich monetary plan. "Our financial system is false and corrupt," he said.

There's a Good Lunch Place in Town. WONDER if it could handle more business. The idea occurred to me last night that a little advertising campaign would crowd the place to overflowing every noon. I know how it has worked out in Cleveland. If the owner of this lunch place I refer to will come in to see me I think he will decide to let me try out my idea for two months or so. If it pays I'll have his account for a long, long time. And I want the account.

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John D. to Use Red Cross Seals. NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—John D. Rockefeller will paste \$500 worth of Red Cross Christmas seals on the gifts that he sends out this year. His check for the seals was received today by the committee on the prevention of tuberculosis of the charity organization society.

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