

COURTNEY DENIES PLATT INFLUENCE

Ex-Postmaster-General Put on Defensive in Inquiry on Lewis Case.

FORMER AIDE EXAMINER

Frank Madden Appears as Lawyer for St. Louis Publisher Against Whom ex-Cabinet Officer Issued Fraud Orders.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—George B. Courtney, ex-Postmaster-General, appearing before the House committee on expenditures in the Postoffice department today, denied that he had been influenced by the late Senator Platt, the express company or any other interests in issuing fraud orders against E. G. Lewis, the St. Louis publisher and banker, in 1905 and 1907.

State Department's position, made known today in the case of Andreas Garza Galan and Nicador Valdez, who were ordered extradited by a United States Commissioner at San Antonio, Tex.

The State Department will reverse the ruling of the Commissioner on the ground that the offenses of Galan and Valdez, asserted by the present Mexican government to have been "murder," in causing the death of Mierolista sympathizers in the last rebellion, were in reality political in their nature and therefore not extraditable under the treaty with Mexico.

Galan became conspicuous in the closing days of the Diaz administration as a leader of the Cientifico element allied with the regime and was charged, shortly after Madero was successful in the battle of Juarez, with conspiring to assassinate him. The cases against Dunne and Devillier, the two Americans who figured in the alleged plot, had been dropped by the Mexican authorities, but efforts were continued to bring Galan before a Mexican tribunal.

While advice to the War Department still continue to report a condition of general disorder throughout the country, no orders have been issued for the actual increase of the American force along the border. It was said at the War Department that there was no



Governor Colquitt, of Texas, Who Opposes Against Movement of Mexican Troops Through His State.

intention at present to increase the border patrol.

MORE UPRISINGS REPORTED

American Women and Children Depart for United States.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 9.—Slight improvement in the revolutionary situation was indicated today by such information as was made public, but press dispatches add to the long list of uprisings.

The most spectacular report today was from Boca del Monte, where British subjects have large interests, telling of the sacking of stores and residences. The town is in the State of Puebla.

In the State of Coahuila the rebels are reported to be raiding haciendas and at Allende, a town on the International Railway, 44 miles south of Ciudad Juarez, a battle between the rebels and regular forces was reported to have occurred yesterday afternoon between the fiscal guards and rebels. The casualties have not been reported.

In the State of Michoacan have not assumed serious proportions and President Madero believes they will amount to little. From a few cities have been reported the departure of many American women and children for the United States in anticipation of personal danger. Many are said to have left Guanajuato last night.

VAQUISTAS' DEMAND REFUSED

Commander at Ojinaga Will Not Surrender Garrison.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 9.—Messages received today by Juarez officials confirm reports of the demand by Vaquistas for the surrender of Ojinaga and the refusal of General De la Luz Sanchez, the garrison commander. Coyame, a small town west of Ojinaga, is reported in possession of the Vaquistas.

Telegraphic communication between Juarez and Chihuahua along the Mexican Northwestern Railroad was reported according to General Manager Harris.

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SWIFT CONTROL SHOWN

TELEGRAMS FROM PACKERS' CENTRAL OFFICES READ.

Government Contends Evidence Shows Prices Were Fixed by Management in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Fifty telegrams sent by Swift & Co. to their representatives in Eastern cities, giving instructions regarding shipments and margins, which the Government declares tend to show that prices were fixed at the Chicago offices, were read in the packers' trials today.

Many of the messages were in code and had to be deciphered by Lee M. Lester, assistant manager of the beef department who was on the stand all day. Defendants' counsel objected to the telegrams, but Judge Carpenter allowed the Government to put all of them in evidence.

Lester said the first step after the cattle were slaughtered was to figure the test cost of the dressed beef. After this, an average request price was fixed and this was sent with every car of meat shipped to branch houses. When the car reached its destination the branch house manager made an estimate of what the meat would actually bring and telegraphed the figures to the Chicago office.

Later the actual sales were reported and an accounting made for the cash received.

"The request price usually is lower than the test cost," said the witness in response to a question.

"If a certain branch house were getting poor prices, would you cut down the shipments to that house?"

"That would be the usual practice, although there were exceptions made."

CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF BUSY

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—During the month just passed Sheriff Cressap and his deputies covered 1700 miles in serving papers throughout the county and in making arrests.

ISSUE OF HAITIAN VISIT MOMENTOUS

Britons Do Not Disguise Belief War or Peace May Depend on Outcome.

MISSION YET UNDEFINED

Colonial Questions May Be Under Consideration—Limit of Armament Not to Be Specific Topic for Present.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Whether the overtures for the visit to Berlin of the British Secretary of War, Viscount Haldane, originated in England or in Germany is disputed, but it is impossible longer to disguise the momentous character of the mission. There are those who believe that the issue of war or peace depends on its success or failure.

The visit of Viscount Haldane is largely associated in the public mind with the speech of David Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, at the City of London Liberal Club, February 3, in which the Chancellor said the movement was auspicious for a discussion of a reduction in armaments, which was considered as an effort looking to the conciliation of Germany. At present, however, it is impossible to define the subjects of the mission of Count Haldane.

Political activity is not confined to Berlin. Mr. Lloyd-George had an audience with King George today and the King's secretary, Lord Knollys, was busy between Buckingham Palace and the Foreign Office and the residence of Premier Asquith.

According to some newspapers colonial questions and the possible cessation of the creation of an atmosphere favorable to the cultivation of more amicable relations between Great Britain and Germany.

The Daily Telegraph understands that Viscount Haldane will not discuss specific proposals for a reduction in armaments and that no result is likely to follow his visit to Germany except the creation of an atmosphere favorable to the cultivation of more amicable relations between Great Britain and Germany.

RATE BALLOT PROPOSED

MEDFORD SHIPPERS CIRCULATE INITIATIVE PETITION.

Bill to Go Before People Designed to Build Up Distributing Centers Outside of Big Cities.

MEDFORD, Or., Feb. 9.—The Medford Traffic Bureau, composed of local jobbers and shippers, has printed and soon will circulate an initiative petition for submission to the people of Oregon at the November election for an act to provide for a uniform percentage in the relationship of the classification ratings and providing for the establishment of minimum carload rates. The petition also aims to fix the maximum rate on a basis of the less than carload rate and the minimum carload weight that may be charged on the east to Medford on the bill is designed to aid small-town jobbers and make possible the building up of distributing centers outside of Portland. It is intended by the Oregon Equal Rate Association, comprising the commercial organizations of the various small towns from firm reports of the demand by Vaquistas for the surrender of Ojinaga and the refusal of General De la Luz Sanchez, the garrison commander. Coyame, a small town west of Ojinaga, is reported in possession of the Vaquistas.

TWO CHIEFS GUARD CITY

MAYOR DIMICK'S APPOINTEE NOT APPROVED BY COUNCIL.

Police Department Executive at Oregon City Has No Key to Jail. Sleeping Charges Are Made.

ENGINEERS ARE BANQUETED

Hermiston Folk Dine Board Which Has Been Working on Project.

HERMISTON, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—A most successful banquet was enjoyed last night at the Hotel Hamilton, when the guests of honor were A. P. Davis, E. G. Hopson, D. C. Henry, H. D. Newell and O. P. Morton, the board which is giving final consideration to the west coast of Oregon. The tables were served by 11 of Hermiston's fairest young women, who volunteered for the occasion.

The toast started with a history of the movement for the west extension from its inception to the present time. One of the business men of Hermiston said why the business legislation also the engineers cleared up several points on which the settlers were doubtful, gave a history of the west extension and compared conditions as they exist here with other Government projects. Mr. Davis has from the first been an ardent supporter of the Umtilla project, and declared himself as well pleased with the way things are working out, and believes every claim he has made is proving true.

FRESHMAN STEALS JEWELS

Young Montana Student Traced by Ring He Gave Waitress.

MISSOULA, Mont., Feb. 9.—C. J. Johnson, 19 years old, formerly of Great Falls, Mont., a freshman at the University of Montana, has been arrested on the charge of having robbed the home of J. C. E. Baker, of Great Falls, of jewelry valued at \$2000, March 21, 1911.

Johnson was arrested at Ravalli, on the Flathead Indian reservation, where he was visiting his mother and sister. He was brought here today, said a wait to have confessed to the robbery and to have turned over a portion of the jewelry to the police. Nearly all the remainder of the jewelry has been recovered from Missoula pawnshops.

WOMAN CAN'T GIVE BOND

Case in Spokane Grows Interesting With Latest Developments.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 9.—When Mrs. Anna Larsen, complaining witness

against C. T. Pfefferkorn, who was brought to Washington from California to answer the charge of grand larceny, appeared in court today she was ordered to give a bond of \$1000 for her appearance at the trial or go to jail. Pfefferkorn is alleged to have stolen diamonds and other jewelry valued at \$1200 from the woman.

Rumors that a settlement had been arranged out of court is said to have prompted the Prosecuting Attorney to ask the woman be required to give bond. In explaining the case to the court, the state's attorney declared that the defendant is charged with stealing the woman's jewels from her room, that her husband, who is said to be a wealthy resident of Edmond, Okla., knows nothing of the affair and that when she learned that the defendant is going to tell stories that will compromise her, if they reach the ears of her husband, she would not appear. Her attorney declared that she could raise no bond as the rings represented her entire wealth. He offered to assign the rings as a bond, but it was not accepted. She has not yet given bond. She claims to be from Idaho.

LAWRENCE STARTS SOON

CANDIDATE WILL BEGIN SWING OVER STATE MONDAY.

Governor Hay Expected to Announce in Few Days His Candidacy, Supporters Already Organizing.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—John C. Lawrence, candidate for Governor, leaves Monday for a tour of the eastern part of the state. He has just completed a swing through the southwest and a portion of King and Pierce counties. Lawrence plans to go over the ground in Eastern Washington quietly, preliminary to a speaking campaign which will be inaugurated later. He expects to pass every day now until the primary election in promoting his candidacy for Governor.

"I will not have the aid of any political machine and I will not be the candidate of any slate, but will work for my own election," he said. He will poll his own canvassers and will not let the political machine have a say in the matter. "I am entirely satisfied with the outlook and in the sections I have visited the campaign is progressing most satisfactorily."

Governor Hay is expected to make the official announcement of his candidacy within a few days. His supporters are engaged in forming his organization, which will be headed by P. L. Allen, State Senator from King County, as campaign manager.

Orville Billings, of Tacoma, is affording much amusement in the campaign letters he is sending out. Although his candidacy has been mentioned elsewhere it has had no mention, he announces that his "platform has received such a deluge of approval that he has been unable to keep up with his correspondence."

Robert T. Hodges, Sheriff of King County, has come out with the statement that if elected Governor he will abolish the state militia and that not a single penny of state money will be appropriated for the "tin soldiers."

The above in brief represents the developments in the gubernatorial campaign and it is considered doubtful if much noise will be made in the state until after the Seattle city election, March 5, as the Sound metropolitan area probably will be the big battle ground.

W. H. Paulmann has definitely announced that he will make the race for Lieutenant-Governor, and Land Commissioner Ross will come out with the uniform percentage in the relationship of the classification ratings and providing for the establishment of minimum carload rates. The petition also aims to fix the maximum rate on a basis of the less than carload rate and the minimum carload weight that may be charged on the east to Medford on the bill is designed to aid small-town jobbers and make possible the building up of distributing centers outside of Portland. It is intended by the Oregon Equal Rate Association, comprising the commercial organizations of the various small towns from firm reports of the demand by Vaquistas for the surrender of Ojinaga and the refusal of General De la Luz Sanchez, the garrison commander. Coyame, a small town west of Ojinaga, is reported in possession of the Vaquistas.

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BOY CONVINCES FARMER

Young Student Shows Shallow Cultivation Is Best for Corn.

MANHATTAN, Kan., Feb. 9.—It took a youth 14 years old only a few minutes to convince a farmer three times his age that old-fashioned method of corn cultivation was wrong, at Hinerwille, near here. The boy, William Linscott, had been taking the course in the State Agricultural College and was explaining shallow cultivation at a community meeting of farmers.

When he had finished farmer arose and told that he always plowed his corn deep and demanded to know why the shallow method was better. On the blackbird William drew a cross-section between two rows of corn. He showed how the roots were interwoven and how deep plowing would injure them. The farmer said he was so clear that the farmer immediately accepted the new method as better than the old-fashioned way.

Pistol Shots Remarkable

Another set of phenomenal scores was shot last night by the Portland Revolver Club at its weekly practice shoot, the total for five men out of a possible 2500 being 2324. The individual scores of the night were: Armstrong, 472; Hackney, 461; Craddock, 463; Hubbard, 463, and Wilson, 462.

RATHLOUS IN JAIL

"Count" and "Countess" Held at Colorado Springs.

PAIR ARE KNOWN HERE

Ex-Wife of Portland Man Shot and Killed by Second Spouse, With Her Husband Falsely Secured Cash Alleged.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Holstein Rathlou, or Rathlow, arrested at Ogden, Utah, recently and now in jail here charged with securing money under false pretenses, say they belong to noble families in Denmark and Austria. The man says he is Count Viggo von Holstein Rathlou, son of Baron C. F. E. von Holstein Rathlou, of Rathlow, Odense, Denmark, and that, bymorganatic marriage, his wife is a daughter of a Crown Prince, son of the Emperor of Austria.

They opened a "beauty parlor" here several weeks ago and are charged with having left with money and jewelry, given to them for instruction, before the instruction courses were completed.

In addition they are charged with securing goods from merchants on approval without returning the merchandise or paying for it.

When first wanted by the authorities here, they were traced to Denver and then to Oregon. Evidently trying to throw the officers off the scent, they had their mail forwarded from Denver to Cedar Rapids, Ia., thence to Chicago and from there to Ogden.

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the neighborhood. They ran up a new lot of bills and were reported to the city detectives, but seem to have kept clear of actionable offenses. It is not known when they departed from here. Mrs. Rathlou has relatives living on the East Side, one being Mrs. Ed Morris, of Tremont, a sister.

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MAN'S FATE IS MYSTERY

Monroe Fenton, Oregon Trunk Employee, Missing Week.

THE DALLES, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Monroe Fenton, engineer of the Oregon Trunk Railroad, has been missing since last Friday night, and friends and relatives who have been making search have been unable to find any trace of him.

Fenton, who is a member of Albany Lodge of Elks, and belongs to the Brotherhood of Railway Firemen, was in The Dalles Friday night, departing for Fallbridge at a late hour. He was seen at Celilo later, when he told a friend he was going to walk across the railroad bridge to Fallbridge. That was the last seen of him. Fenton was a witness against Celilo bootleggers, who were recently convicted in court, and it is feared he may have met with foul play.

SON OF TALMAGE IS DEAD

Philadelphia Pastor Victim of Heart Failure at 44.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 9.—Rev. Frank DeWitt Talmage, died at his home here tonight from heart failure. He was 44 years old. His father was the famous Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage.

Rev. Mr. Talmage was pastor of the Chambers-Wylie Presbyterian Church. He came from Los Angeles, Cal. He also had occupied pulpits in Chicago and Pittsburgh.

TEXAS BALKS MEXICANS

(Continued From First Page.) of Americans in Lower California, but it was pointed out by the State Department officials tonight that in the latter case a specific purpose was mentioned and understood.

General Movement Contemplated. In connection with the proposed expedition to Juarez, the State Department heard that Mexico intended not alone to replenish the garrison opposite El Paso, but to pass a host of troops into Northern Chihuahua for a general military movement there.

It was indicated that while the rebels might not object to a re-garrisoning of Juarez, thus avoiding foreign complications, they might offer armed resistance to a movement aimed generally at the trouble zone.

DIAZ OFFICIALS ARE SAFE

Extradition for Ordering Executions Refused by Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Refugees of officials of the Diaz regime in Mexico cannot be extradited from the United States for executions or other acts which they may have ordered while holding positions of authority. This was the virtual meaning of the