

POST OFFICERS SPY, SAYS LA FOLLETTE

Senator Asserts Mail Rifled Because He Is Investigating Service.

CHARGES TERMED 'ABSURD'

First Assistant Secretary Grandfield Declares Allegation Untrue as Department Is Not Interested in Probe.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—The Senate, after five hours' work today on the post-office appropriation bill, reached an agreement to vote on the measure at 4 P. M. tomorrow.

Discussion of the bill was continued late in the day when Senator La Follette, speaking on a House provision granting to employees of the postal service the right to organize, deliberately charged officials of the post-office with rifling his mail in an attempt to delve into an investigation he was making into the postal service.

The Wisconsin Senator said that his mail had been "subjected to an espionage almost Russian in character," and he showed to the Senators a bundle of letters which, he said, had been tampered with.

Charge Is Ridiculed. "Absurd" and "ridiculous" are adjectives applied by officials of the Postoffice Department to Senator La Follette's charge. It is declared positively that if the Senator's mail has been rifled the crime was committed by somebody not connected with the department.

Dr. Grant B. Grandfield, first assistant, in the temporary absence of Mr. Hitchcock, Acting Postmaster-General, said:

"We never have heard until now that Senator La Follette's mail had been tampered with. I think the Senator is mistaken when he charges that officials of the Postoffice Department rifled his mail in an attempt to learn the result of an investigation he is making or for any other purpose.

"As to the Senator's statement that his mail was subjected to an espionage almost Russian in character, the charge is absurd, as no one in the Postoffice Department has the slightest interest in the replies of the clerks to the Senator's inquiries. All mail addressed to members of Congress in Washington passes out of the hands of the Postoffice Department when it reaches the Senate and House post-offices."

Denial Made by Sharp. Chief Inspector Robert C. Sharp was equally certain that Senator La Follette's charges were unfounded, and was emphatic in his denial of them.

"No attempt of course ever was made to watch Senator La Follette's mail or to ascertain the contents of any letter addressed to him or sent out by him," said the inspector. "Any inspector caught opening a sealed letter not addressed to him would be subjected to the full penalty of the law."

Under the law, the Senator is charged with being a swindler, and the charge is "ridiculous" and "outrageous."

Senator La Follette, after making his charges, said that men were removed from the railway mail service "for no other reason than that they joined organizations to improve labor conditions in the service."

Repression Case Cited. He cited several instances, including the case of George W. Nichols, who after 22 years of service in the department was removed shortly after he became a candidate for office in the Railway Mail Clerk's Protective Association. The Senator discussed the "rogue rule" promulgated by President Roosevelt and President Taft, forbidding postoffice employees from carrying their grievances to members of Congress.

He had read into the record several letters from mail clerks in response to the circular letters. He asserted that the officials of the department recognized only one organization, the Railway Mail Association, which, he said, was dominated by the officials of the department.

Three Provisions Acted Upon. Three important provisions of the postoffice bill were acted upon today. The Bourne-Bristow plan for a parcels post system, with a system of graduated charges based on eight zones of distance dividing the country, was placed in the bill as a substitute for the House parcels post provision, which outlined a flat charge of 12 cents a pound throughout the country.

A provision in the House bill making available Federal funds to assist the states in good road construction was voted down, and an amendment framed by the Senate committee providing for a commission of three Senators and three Representatives to study the question was adopted.

Another amendment written into the bill would compel newspapers using the mails to file with the Postmaster-General the names of owners, publishers, editors, stockholders and holders of bonds and mortgages.

GOVERNOR REFUSES AID (Continued From First Page.)

the He" to Attorney Manning, declaring that Manning had at one time promised not to start habeas corpus proceedings if the girl was extradited and returned to Portland to secure her clothes, and that now Manning threatened to start such proceedings if the girl was extradited.

Manning Returns Compliments. Manning admitted this, but declared that Dolan and Vaughn had also lied to him. He said they had agreed to return the girl to Portland for her clothes if she agreed to come to Salem and now, he declared, they planned to take her directly to San Francisco from Salem.

Governor West, during the proceedings, touched upon the Wilde case, declaring he had taken the stand when the Wilde requisition was before Governor Johnson, of California, that the Governor had no reason to investigate the question, but should send Wilde back to Oregon for trial.

In granting the extradition he declared that the girl, in his mind, evidently was old enough to know what she was doing and that the question of her morality was not under consideration.

"I am willing to let the question of whether the complaint states fact sufficient to constitute a crime to rest with the California courts," he said.

Agreement Is Reached. After Manning had threatened to bring habeas corpus proceedings and drag the officers and girl from the train if they attempted to take her to California tonight, an agreement was reached that the girl should be returned to Portland to secure her clothing and that no habeas corpus proceedings should be started.

Mrs. Brown herself made furious objections to being taken to San Francisco before she was returned to Portland, declaring that Detective Vaughn had consistently lied to her and that she knew he was still doing so. With this outbreak she burst into tears and sobbed during the remainder of the time in the Governor's office and while she was being taken to await the train to return her to Portland.

The Portland police have in their possession a large number of letters, receipts, bills and other documents taken from the apartments where Montrose and Mrs. Brown were staying in Portland. These are largely a medium through which they hope to turn Montrose over to the Federal authorities on a white slave charge, according to statements made here today.

Couple Travel Far. Through these letters and documents, it was ascertained that the couple went under the aliases of Newman and Winters, as well as Montrose, Newman being the name under which they stayed at the apartments in Portland. They went from California to Calgary, Canada, then to Vancouver, Seattle, Tacoma and Portland.

Among these letters are some from a sister of Mrs. Brown in Long Beach, in one of these, the man whom Mrs. Brown is alleged to have swindled, labeled them "Poor Old Mutt" and similar terms.

Letters which were directed to Mrs. Brown since she has been kept in the Multnomah County Jail, cast aspersions upon her moral character, but she indignantly repudiates these letters as being written by some one who swindled her and labeled them "ridiculous" and "outrageous."

DEFEATED CANDIDATE FOR IDAHO GOVERNORSHIP MAY HEAD BULL MOOSE TICKET IN STATE.



PAUL A. CLAGSTONE.

CLAGSTONE SAYS NO Idaho Man Who Lost Blocks Third Party Move.

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OXEN TO DRAW BIER

Mikado's Burial to Take Day and Night Ceremony.

SERVICES BEGIN AT 6 A. M.

Imposing Shinto Ritual to Be Used in Obseques Over Late Mutsuhito Starting September 13 and Ending Two Days Later.

TOKYO, Aug. 12.—The official programme for the funeral of Emperor Mutsuhito, who died on July 30, was issued today. The services are to begin at 6 o'clock A. M. September 13, when Emperor Yoshihito and the Empress Dowager will be present.

At 7 o'clock P. M., the elder statesmen, the Peers, all the high officials and the foreign representatives are to assemble at the palace, from which the procession will start at 8 P. M. Emperor Yoshihito will not join the procession, but will meet it on the Aoyama parade ground.

Many Priests to Attend. The line of the procession, which will be very long, is to be interspersed with musicians, torchbearers and officials carrying emblems, while many priests also will participate.

The coffin containing the body is to be drawn by a team of oxen. The entire route is to be lined by soldiers of the regular army.

Immediately after the arrival of the procession at Aoyama the funeral services will begin and will comprise the full and imposing Shinto ritual. After the services the Emperor will personally read a tribute to the dead, which will be followed by another by the Empress Dowager, who will be succeeded by the ministers of state and others, the musicians meanwhile continuing to play funeral airs.

Tributes to Be Read. At the conclusion of this service the imperial train is to leave for Kioto, but Emperor Yoshihito and the Empress Dowager will not travel by it. The train is scheduled to arrive at 5:10 P. M. September 14, and a procession similar to that arranged from the palace to the Aoyama parade grounds will follow. Various tributes to the late Emperor's memory will be read beside the tomb. Further services are to be held on September 15, and these will conclude the ceremonies.

The preparations made in Tokio are complete. The coffin is to be removed tomorrow from the chamber in which it is now lying to that prepared for the lying in state.

Through the night the Empress Dowager and the court ladies and officials will remain beside the coffin. From tomorrow until September 12 the highest officials and leading personages will be permitted to visit the chamber.

SECRETARY KNOX LEAVES SOON Friday Is Date Set for Departure of American Funeral Envoy.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Secretary Knox will leave Washington Friday for Japan to attend the funeral of the late Emperor as the special representative of the United States.

Secretary Knox now expects to sail from Seattle on the cruiser Maryland August 22 and arrive in Yokohama September 19, three days before the funeral.

PRINCE HENRY SOLEMN ENVOY Kaiser Selects Brother to Attend Funeral of Late Mikado.

BERLIN, Aug. 12.—Prince Henry of Prussia, the brother of the German Emperor, has been selected to go to Tokio. He will represent Emperor William at the funeral of the late Emperor of Japan.

Mark Twain's Playmate Buried. OREGON CITY, Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Several hundred persons attended the funeral Sunday afternoon at Clarkes of John Livingstone, the former slave, who came to this country in 1864, with the family of Judge Kings.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. A. Smith, and the body was interred beside that of Livingstone's wife, who died many years ago. Livingstone died Friday morning of heart disease, having been in apparently good health the day before. His boyhood was passed in Hannibal, Mo., and one of his playmates was Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain).

CHOIR LEADER ATTACKED HUNTINGTON WOMAN BEATEN BY MAN BELIEVED NEGRO.

So Brutal Is Deed That Faction Opposing Governor's Cleanup Policy Aid Search.

BAKER, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Huntington, near the famous Governor West's purity visit a week ago, is seething tonight over the murderous attack last night on Mrs. William Barclay, a member of the choir of the Methodist Church, where Rev. R. J. Lee, who helped West in his evidence, is pastor.

The stranger, escaped and all day a searching party on horses has been following bloodhounds brought from Boise, Idaho.

At the posse, headed by Deputy Sheriff Hamon, tonight is working over the mountains towards Olig Ferry. Every road out of the city is guarded. Another pack of bloodhounds will reach Huntington at midnight and the search will be continued all night.

So brutal was the deed that the warring elements over Governor West's visit have joined to catch the man. Mrs. Barclay, whose husband is a night engineer on the O.-W. & N. Railroad, was awakened at midnight by the stranger. He told her he had seen his bride through the church window as she then made his plans. She pleaded with him and he laughed at her. He then struck her behind the ear, knocking her head against the bed. She finally screamed and he ran. Two neighbors immediately responded. She said she thought he was a negro, but he was a white man. She could not identify three that were produced.

Mrs. Barclay is one of the most highly respected women in Huntington. She is in a critical condition.

Runaway Couple Wed. HOOD RIVER, Or., August 12.—(Special.)—Viva Shumway, the 16-year-old Rainier girl who eloped from that place Friday with Marion R. Neil, was married here Saturday afternoon by Justice of the Peace Buck. The young people were accompanied by the father of the bridegroom.

Young Neil will make their home in the valley with his father on a ranch. Their elopement created a sensation at Rainier, where Neil was not well known and because of the sudden disappearance it was reported that it was feared the young lady had been kidnapped.

Much-Named German Tarrles in Jail VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—A German, 36 years old, blessed with the name of Blandius Herman Mox George Schmidt, now being held in the county jail, was today charged formally with forgery. It is alleged that Schmidt, who says that all Germans have long names, forged a check for \$20 on the DuBois Lumber Company Friday. While he did not obtain any money on the check, he attempted to several times and forged the name of W. J. Andrews. He later admitted to Sheriff Creasap that he is guilty of the charge.

The Blue Sky Law

Do the advocates of the Blue Sky Law favor the granting of a franchise to the Northwestern Electric without first having the bond and stock issue conform to the provisions of the proposed Act?

Were the Blue Sky Law in effect, it is possible that the proposed bond and stock issue would be of an entirely different character.

The voters of Oregon, in November (in less than ninety days) will vote upon a public utility act, and what is termed a Blue Sky Law. The effect of those measures upon newly formed companies is a very important one to the public.

Why should the Northwestern Electric be so anxious to get a franchise before the people have a chance to vote?

Does not sound business policy suggest that we wait until these important matters are passed upon?

Portland Railway, Light & Power Company

STATE DESIRES BOOKS

FIGHT TO PROBE LOAN COMMISSION'S PAPERS BEGUN.

Company Vigorously Opposing Order Granting Search of Institution—Commissioner III.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—The legal fight over the right of the representatives of the State Building and Loan Commission to conduct an investigation of the affairs of the Continental Building and Loan Association and ex-Continental Building and Loan Association will be commenced tomorrow morning before Superior Judge Seawell.

The petition of Attorney-General U. S. Webb for an order citing the company directors and the officers of the Brandon, commissioned by Building and Loan Commissioner Walker, should not be permitted to enter the institution and begin the search will be resisted by Attorney Gavin McNab, appearing for the company.

The Attorney-General and the building and loan commission are technically in control of the association under the order of Judge Graham vacating today the restraining order which enjoined them from interfering with the company's business.

When Brandon, in charge of the Continental Building and Loan Association, by George S. Walker, State Building and Loan Commissioner, attempted to take possession this morning, he found the doors locked and a company guard inside. Deputy Brandon immediately reported to R. W. Harrison, representing Commissioner Walker, and Harrison went into conference with Attorney-General Webb to determine if a forcible entry would be wise.

Commissioner Walker, who declared the Continental insolvent last Thursday, with liabilities exceeding \$300,000, is ill in his home at San Jose.

Cowlitz Candidates Nominous. CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The filings for Cowlitz County officers were closed Saturday with the largest number of candidates in the history of the county, a total of 41 having filed. A brisk fight is expected at the primaries for some of the nominations.

Tidewater Gets New Store. WALDPFORD, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—A new store building, with residence in connection, has been erected at Tidewater by Nicholas Ludemann, of that place. Mr. Ludemann expects to inaugurate a large stock of general merchandise, which will be greatly appreciated by Tidewater and Alsea people.

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