

# FEDERAL JUDGE IS TARGET OF INQUIRY

### House Judiciary Committee in Secret Session Probes Emory Speer's Acts.

### VARIOUS CHARGES MADE

### Accusations Are Said to Include Allegation That Fifth Circuit Jurist Named Son-in-Law Executor to Certain Estate.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—The House Judiciary committee assembled in a secret session today to hear the report of an investigation by the Department of Justice on the conduct of Federal Judge Emory Speer, of the Fifth Circuit.

Various charges against the Judge have been brought during the last three or four years, but the investigation of which Attorney-General McReynolds was to present a report today was made last year by special agents. Judge Speer recently denounced what he characterized as the "espionage of Federal agents on judges," and Senator Borah recently charged in the Senate that Federal agents had harassed judges by investigations to influence their action in cases in which the Government was interested.

### Nature of Report Withheld.

The Department of Justice has investigated three judges within the last five years. Robert W. Archibald, of the Commerce Court, was one and he was impeached.

The nature of the report of the Department of Justice agent was being withheld today pending its presentation to the Judiciary committee, which has the power to dispose of it by letting it pass or by framing articles of impeachment for presentation to the House.

After a long executive session, the committee, through Chairman Clayton, issued a statement saying that the Department of Justice had transmitted a report of one of its special examiners bearing on Judge Speer's case and that the committee had not finished, having made an examination of only a portion of the exhibits and other papers.

### Recess Taken Until Monday.

"The committee," the statement added, "has nothing to say except that it took a recess until 10 o'clock Monday, August 25, when they will give the matter further consideration and will as soon as possible determine what, if anything, the committee should do with respect to such report and papers."

The charges are said also to include allegations that Judge Speer appointed his son-in-law as executor of certain estates and permitted him to charge exorbitant fees.

## THAW DEFIES THE LAWS

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away. Openly partisan to the fugitive on their gossip, the townspeople nevertheless showed their comparative lack of interest by their absence from the courthouse. Though there are 20,000 in the population of the town, only 200 came to the court. Of these 22 were women. There was the usual craning of necks, the usual whispers and the usual speculation, but shoving and crowding was conspicuously lacking.

Messrs. Conger and Hornbeck waited like the others for the disposition of the Thaw case, and departed with the immigration authorities when it was announced that the application for the writ had been granted and would come up for argument in the morning.

### Conger Firm in Purpose.

"I am here to get Thaw," Mr. Conger said. "Get him I will."

"Thaw will surely be returned to New York State," the District Attorney continued, "probably by deportation, as the Canadian government does not want him on its hands. If not by deportation, then by extradition. We have a lot of possibilities to develop in both directions. In fact, it is a matter of choosing the best one. Thaw should be back in Mattawan soon. Then we shall see whether he can escape again."

"I am co-operating with the officials of the Canadian immigration service, who have full power to act on authority from their superiors in Ottawa. They have fully disposed to help us, and I hope, although I have no reason at present to expect, that when he is deported it will be at the border of New York State, where we will not have to go through further formalities, as in some state other than New York."

### Other Avenues Open.

"If by chance, our plan to secure Thaw by deportation fails through (and I can barely imagine such a contingency) you may be sure there will be a strong case against him to bring extradition. It would not be proper at this time to say upon just what grounds we shall move."

Mr. Conger carries with him a warrant charging Thaw and his five deversers with conspiracy, but he admitted his efficacy was uncertain.

"That is the least of my worries, though," he added.

Tomorrow the District Attorney hopes to receive more assistance in his activities here.

Tomorrow it was expected that a Deputy District Attorney would arrive from New York.

Thaw was a busy man with his correspondence and callers today. Most of the former was by telegraph and he received frequent assurance of support from relatives and friends. His mother, Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, however, had to wait to tonight next word as far as could be learned.

### Sister Urged to Come.

Perhaps the most interesting of the telegrams he sent was that which indicated a sense of loneliness and a longing for a direct word from someone near to him in the midst of his fight for liberty. His sister, Mrs. Margaret Thaw Carnegie, wife of George Lawler Carnegie, Jr., had telegraphed Harry that she was ready to start for Sherbrooke soon. "If I can be of any help to you," his answer was, "Yes, come. I need you."

Mrs. Carnegie's action was prompt, for she notified her brother that both she and her husband would be here to meet him tonight. They reserved rooms at a local hotel and Thaw expressed wish to his counsel that his sister be brought to the jail immediately after her arrival.

Other telegrams sent or received by Thaw referred to legal and medical assistance, to advice as to the possibilities of extraditing him, offers of assistance from relatives and a call by him upon his relatives in Pittsburgh for funds. This was answered by a telegram from the Union National Bank, saying: "Draft will be honored." Thaw had "only a few cents," the gov-

ernor of the jail said, when he was searched after his commitment.

### Detective O'Mara to Help.

Among the telegrams was one from Roger O'Mara, the Pittsburgh detective, long identified as "a worker for Thaw." "I have opinions from best authorities that you cannot be extradited. Wire me what can be done for you from here," was O'Mara's message.

In his petition for a writ of habeas corpus Thaw set forth first that he was committed to jail "without any preliminary examination whatever and without any opportunity having been given him to be heard."

He recited further that "he is not charged with any offense against the criminal laws of Canada or any other country," and "because the offense charged against him is not an offense under Canadian law," he "therefore cannot be charged."

### Thaw's Attorneys Have Hope.

The offense with which Thaw is charged is, briefly, that "he is a fugitive from Matteawan, where he was serving a life sentence for a criminal charge of which he was convicted."

It is upon the wording of this complaint that Thaw's attorneys hope to carry them successfully through tomorrow's skirmish without uncovering their principal defense.

"Why, we have masked batteries that will blow any case of this kind to smithereens," one of his attorneys exclaimed this evening while discussing the matter.

Thaw also complains in his petition that he was never confined at Matteawan on a criminal charge, and that it is untrue that he was ever convicted of any crime, or that he was confined for life.

### Further Reasons Given.

As a further reason why his present detention is illegal, the prisoner contends he was arrested by Chief of Police Boudreau, of Banford, who also made the complaint and explained the warrant he himself had sworn out.

"Thaw prayed" in his petition that he be released from further detention and confinement, taking oath over his signature that he "is detained without reasonable or probable cause." It will be on this prayer for Thaw's freedom that Judge Globensky must pass tomorrow.

The agents of the Dominion Immigration department have seriously considered the probability that Thaw will be released. They do not plan to give him more than a moment's freedom. To sustain their case they have half a dozen clauses in the immigration act which they say are applicable. Among these is one which places in the prohibited class "Any insane person or persons who have been insane within five years." Another clause provides for the deportation of any person who enters Canada "by force or misrepresentation or stealth."

## YARD DELAY EXPLAINED

### TRACTION COMPANY TO BE ALLOWED PARKING PRIVILEGES.

Freight Trackage at Oregon City May Be Built by Two Companies in Co-operation.

OREGON CITY, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Demand was made upon R. L. Shepherd, agent of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, at a meeting of the City Council Wednesday morning, for an explanation of the reason of his road not having met the requirements of its franchise through the city and constructed freight yards as it had agreed to do when the Council granted the title to the company.

The agent explained that his company had been waiting for the further construction of the line of the Glackamas Southern in the hope that the two roads could get together and build joint freight yards inside of the city limits and promised the Council that the matter would be adjusted as soon as possible.

The question came up when the agent asked the Council for the right to park special passenger cars on the tracks at the north end of the city during the Sunday excursion season at Cannonball Park. The Mayor will grant the company the right to use the streets for this purpose, provided it does not abuse the privilege.

The board of water commissioners was instructed to supply water for the new hydraulic elevator being constructed at the foot of the bluff. The Council adopted a recommendation of the committee to lease rather than buy a rock crusher for the use in the improvement of the city streets. A reply from the City Commissioners of Portland relative to furnishing Bull Run water is expected in the next few days.

Street improvements at various places through the city were ordered.

### GRESHAM WILL EXPAND

### Founding of Motor Plant to Be Celebrated by City.

GRESHAM, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Plans have been made for celebrating the founding of the Beaver State Motor Company's plant in Gresham. A banquet is planned to which city and promoters of the factory will be invited.

O. A. Eastman, president of the Gresham Chamber of Commerce, said today: "We are looking forward to a rapid development of Gresham as a manufacturing center. We have the best schools in Multnomah County outside of Portland, and we have every facility needed for an ideal home site. We have the same advantages as the residents of Portland in the matter of power rates and water supply."

Mayor Shattuck declared that the location of the automobile factory here will bring an additional 200 employees to this city. W. W. Myers, of the First State Bank, predicts a substantial growth for the city.

### ROAD WORK NOT ACCEPTED

### Milwaukee Property Owners Say Contract Not Completed.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—The Council, in session last night, refused to accept the improvement of the Foster road because some property owners complained that the contract had not been complied with. The Rockalle Paving Company made the improvement. The cost was \$13,000. After the improvement has been made to comply with the contract it will be accepted.

The gas franchise of the Oregon City Gas Company was considered, and ordered amended in some ways. At first the franchise was for 50 years, but the time was reduced to 40 years. This amended ordinance will come up at the next meeting. Mayor E. T. Elmer presided.

### Moving of Relics Brings Protest.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—Formal protest against the removal of the Columbus relics, presented to this city by the Spanish government in 1892, and now intended to form an exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, was filed with the Park Commissioners here today by the Palette and Chisel Club, an organization of Chicago artists. Injunction proceedings may be instituted to prevent the removal of the ships.

Victor and Columbia Phonographs \$1 Down \$1 Week

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"Merchandise of Merit Only"

No Liquors No Groceries No Restaurant

"THE ONE BEST" Domestic Sewing Machines \$1 Down \$1 Week

## New Fall Tailored Suits on Sale At \$26.50

Regularly Sold at \$35.00

—These suits were unpacked yesterday and created the greatest enthusiasm among the saleswomen. There are no better judges than these women, who are constantly in touch with apparel fashions.

—The suits on sale are extremely attractive, beautifully tailored and lined throughout with Skinner's satin.

—The coats are uncommonly attractive and graceful, being modeled in the new 38-inch length. In two and three-button fronts, cutaway styles.

—The materials are worsted and serge, in black, navy and brown.

—The skirts are draped in the

## New Vogue Fashions

—We direct your special attention to the quality of materials, to the tailoring and finishing of these garments.

Third Floor.

## New Fall Models in Corsets

### The W. B. Nuform — W. B. Elastine Reduso and La Vida

—These corsets are the best product of the most expert corsetiers of today. Graceful in their lines, correct in their form, superbly made of the best coutil, they have no superior anywhere.

—These new models will appeal to women who wish to be up-to-date in the most important matter of style. They show the extremely low bust and are modeled without the bone over the hips.

—The W. B. Corsets sell from \$1.00 to \$5.00 and the La Vida is priced at \$3.50 up to \$10.00.

Fourth Floor.

## Manufacturers' Sample Curtains

That Sell Regularly at \$1.50 to \$2.50 Pair Special 39c Each

—Curtains that measure from 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 yards long and 40 to 50 inches wide. This assortment includes all net and scrim curtains, in white or Arabian color. These curtains are very suitable for the small windows.

### \$18.50 Tapestry Brussels Rugs, \$13.45

—These tapestry Brussels rugs are of a good, fine weave, in pretty Oriental and floral patterns. In brown, blue, red and green.

### \$12.50 Wool and Fiber Rugs, \$8.75

—A most varied assortment of wool and fiber rugs, in effective designs and colors. These rugs are reversible and are especially suitable for bedroom use. In tan, blue, gray and brown.

## Handsome Indian Blankets

Special, \$4.95, \$5.95, \$7.95 and \$9.45 Each

—These blankets are woven in real Indian designs and colorings characteristic of these people. In size 60x72 inches. They make most acceptable gifts, especially for friends in the East, as typical souvenirs of the West.

Fifth Floor.

## NATURE LOVER LEFT

### Native of Tahiti Denied Passage Home.

ALL HOPE NOT ABANDONED

### Liner Held Up 15 Minutes While Funkies Search Steamer for Dun Streak, Which Sped Aboard at Sailing Time.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—A dun streak sped up the gangway of a Union liner bound for Tahiti at 10:20 o'clock this morning, passed through the crush of passengers on the main deck and darted up the companionway leading to the cabin of Captain F. B. Evans.

The streak was Ernest William Darling, "Nature," as he is known to the peaceful natives of the South Seas, and his unexpected appearance on the steamer at about sailing time was caused by his desire to return to Papeete, where he had been kissed by his bare feet for a matter of six or seven years.

The dun streak waited patiently outside the skipper's room and many of the fashionably gowned ladies promenading the Tahiti's spacious decks paused to survey this strange creature, who might have come from Mars, or any other place but San Francisco. Then the captain's door opened and Darling, in a voice quivering with emotion, asked Evans permission to make a return voyage to the island, the Mecca of all nature lovers. There was an appeal in "Nature's" eyes, but it failed to move the liner's commander.

"No," said Captain Evans, with a tone of familiarity. "I'm sorry, Darling, but I do not think I can help you."

"It would not be much," Darling pleaded. "You could just drop me off at Tahiti; that's as far as I care to go."

But the captain shook his head negatively. "I cannot help you," he said. "However, you might ask the chief engineer if he needs a man."

The streak was gone in another instant and then, of a sudden, the captain seemed to regret his refusal and dispatched a man post haste with instructions to keep at Darling's heels until he had left the ship.

This shadow started for the engineer's quarters, but when he arrived he found that Darling had not put in an appearance.

Thus it happened that the report was circulated around the ship that Darling had stowed away and so the big liner was held up 15 minutes after sailing time until a thorough search could be made.

The mooring had been cast off, but the great green hull remained stationary, while funkies sped up and down the decks, darted into corners and peered under lifeboats in a search for a half-nude man, with a tangled mat of black hair and a pair of dangereous knickerbockers.

All this might not have been necessary if Captain W. F. Lewis, pilot commander and superintendent of the Union line, had cast his eyes wharfward to where the rebuffed "Nature" had hid himself at the suggestion of real work. And so, with a blast of her steam, the Tahiti put out.

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## BIG HOLDINGS RE-CRUISED

### Astoria Companies to Bond Timber for Construction of Road.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—The Dubois Lumber Company, which, with the Wheeler Lumber Company, an auxiliary organization, owns several thousand acres of timberland in Clatsop and Tillamook Counties, has a large force of men at work re-cruising its entire holdings. The cruisers also are making topographical maps of the land with detailed descriptions of the property and data regarding the opportunities for logging.

Recently the Wheeler Company increased its capital stock to provide for the construction of a sawmill at Nehalem Bay, the construction of which is well under way. The new cruise is said to be for the special purpose of issuing bonds with which to construct railroads and install the equipment necessary to conduct logging operations on a large scale. As soon as can be ascertained, the Dubois Company expects to begin logging in about two years.

## DALLAS PAVING PLEAS

### Proposed New Improvements Defeated by Charter Limitations.

DALLAS, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—The effort to have five additional blocks in this city hard surfaced was defeated by the City Council last night, because of lack of money in the general fund with which to pay for the improvement of the intersections. Dal-

las operators under a charter indebtedness limitation of \$5000.

The original outline of improvement, including 10 blocks, is now completed and ready for acceptance by the city. The construction company will commence at once to remove its plant. Plans for improvements of next year are being discussed, and the probability is that 10 more blocks will be paved.

## CORPORATIONS TO BE SUED

### Commissioner Watson Will Enforce Blue Sky Law Requirements.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Corporation Commissioner Watson today sent to all delinquent investment companies letters informing them if they did not comply with the blue sky law by making a statement of their business by September 2 they would be proceeded against by the District Attorney. The letter, in part, says:

"This department has been lenient in its enforcement of the law in order that all companies affected might have adequate opportunity and ample time to comply with the provisions, and adjust themselves to the requirements of the act."

### Actors May Bar Jack Johnson.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—The Federation of Variety Artists, according to the Times, is likely to take effective measures to prevent the appearance of Jack Johnson in London music halls. The announcement that the American negro pugilist would do a turn at one of the smaller West End theaters next week has brought a number of remonstrances that the London public, after revelations of Johnson's violations of the

white slave laws of the United States, would not welcome the pugilist as an entertainer.

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## Two Smart New Fall Waists

Regular \$5.00 Styles, Special \$3.95

—These new Fall waists take their inspiration from Paris models, and show the very smartest and newest ideas for the coming season. Waists of soft shadow laces and waists of chiffon combined with net, and lace trimmed, having velvet ribbons.

—Made with fancy yokes and the new long sleeves, with net cuffs and silk pipings in a contrasting shade. Navy blue, copenhagen blue, brown and taupe are the colors.

Third Floor.



## Thursday—New Fall Trimmed Hats on Sale

Marked for This Event—Special \$9.95

—To give some idea of the beauty of these hats we picture five models. Black, of course, predominates, as it does in the millinery fashions of the season; but all the new colors are shown, such as terra cotta, a new blue and a rich plum.

—Hats of a fine soft velour, velvet, satin and moire in the close-fitting shapes—others with narrow brims that are to be worn jauntily to one side—and many with a new soft puffed crown. Trimmings of folds of silk and fancy feathers in white and various colors. The woman who wants either a simple morning hat or a moderate-priced dressy hat will easily find it among these excellent styles.

The New Velour Felt Shapes, \$3.95 and \$4.45

are also presented for Thursday. The last word of Paris in untrimmed hats is uttered here. Wonderfully becoming styles with narrow brims and high crowns in various colors, as well as black and combination effects. Prices \$3.95 and \$4.45.

Second Floor.

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