

NEW ENGLAND ROAD BOUGHT SECRETLY

Transaction Connected With New Haven's Policy of Control Is Revealed.

PERSONAL CHECK DRAWN

Letter Indicates Deal Was Clothed in Mystery Because Trouble With Connecticut Legislature Was Feared by Directors.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—The activities of Judge A. Heaton Robertson, of New Haven, one of the 11 ex-directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad on trial for alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, figured Wednesday for the first time in the presentation of the Government's case.

Judge Robertson was said to have kept it more than two years, turning its rolling stock over to the New Haven meanwhile and finally the road itself under a lease authorized by the New Haven board of directors. This, it was said, was after the road of the road had been complaining because it was not operated, and the New Haven management feared that the real ownership would become known and make political trouble in the Connecticut Legislature unless the road was operated.

GUILTY KNOWLEDGE ALLEGED

The history of the transactions, introduced in the form of letters written by Hall, was put in by the Government in its effort to show that even after the New Haven directors were apprised by the trans-Missouri rate case decision in 1897 that the Sherman law was applicable to railroads, they continued in their alleged illegal acts. Charles E. Mellen, who occupied the stand for his sixth day of testimony, identified the signature of the letters, but did little testifying.

SECRET PAYMENT SUGGESTED

"I would like to have it arranged so that payment of the check should not be disclosed," he wrote. "I don't see why Judge Robertson can't pay the check right to you."

ON MAY 5, 1898, HALL WROTE TO ROBERTSON:

"My Dear Judge: I have received notice from the New England Railroad that they are prepared to deliver to the purchaser of the Meriden, Waterbury & Connecticut River stock and equipment and desire to do so on May 30. If you are not intending to deliver a memorial Day address anywhere, I suggest that you join the president, myself, and perhaps the chief engineer, in a little expedition which we propose to take next Saturday over the lines of your recent acquisition. Of course, we should simply do so in the advisory capacity, but we should gladly furnish you transportation. Please say nothing about this, as we do not wish to advertise our trip any more than is necessary. If we go with you we can act as witnesses to the delivery of the property and you will have an opportunity to get an idea of the value and possibilities of the property which you would hardly ascertain in any other way."

HOME PATHS IN SESSION

SOCIETY MEETS AND ELECTS DR. J. H. BESSON PRESIDENT.

Headquarters are at Imperial Hotel, Where Programme of Scientific Work Will be Given Today.

The 38th annual meeting of the Homeopathic Medical Society of Oregon opened at the Imperial Hotel Wednesday night with an informal dinner, followed by a short business session and election of officers.

Dr. John H. Besson was elected president for the coming year, succeeding Dr. David Breuer. Other officers elected were: Dr. Arthur L. Canfield, first vice-president; Dr. P. E. Hale, second vice-president; Dr. David Breuer, secretary, and Dr. I. N. Palmer, re-elected treasurer.

The scientific work of the convention will begin today, with the reading of papers on various topics, followed by a discussion of each paper. The programme follows:

10 A. M.—Address of the president, Dr. David Breuer; "Colic of Argentum Nit." Dr. Ethel Fellows, of McMinnville, discussion led by Dr. A. M. Vincent; "Report on Seventy-first Annual Session of the American Institute of Homeopathy," Dr. Arthur L. Canfield; "Colles Fracture," Dr. H. S. Nichols, discussion led by Dr. John S. Bishop, of Forest Grove.

ROBBERS SAFE IN WILDS

Gang Who Held Up "Katy" Thought in Old Rendezvous.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Oct. 28.—The uninhabited fastness of the Kiawitah hills in the far southeastern corner of Oklahoma, rendezvous of bandit gangs since frontier days, was believed tonight to be holding safe from pursuit five of eight men who early today held up and robbed the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad, at Onapa, 37 miles south of Muskogee.

Three of the outlaws were thought to be in Texas, after having boldly

ridden into Muskogee to secure medical attention for one of their number and then boarded a southbound train. Three men, apparently ranchers, wearing high-top boots and broad-brimmed felt hats, came to town early today and had Dr. B. W. Randal treat the lacerated ear of one of their number.

Despite the statements of express officials that the booty obtained by the bandits was small, many rumors were in circulation today concerning the result of the robbery. One report, from McAlester, declared the robbers obtained \$40,000 which was being sent into the South for the cotton marketing season.

TRUCE IN AFRICA TOPIC

GERMAN COLONIAL SECRETARY WOULD STOP HOSTILITIES.

Negotiations Through The Netherlands Minister to Great Britain Are Being Carried On.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—The visit to the Hague of W. S. Solf, the German Colonial Secretary, according to the Daily Chronicle, is connected with negotiations which the newspaper says are already on foot for the calling of a truce in Central Africa.

The Netherlands Minister to London, the Chronicle adds, recently visited the Hague, where the question was discussed at length with the Dutch Cabinet. The German government has not put forward its side of the controversy as to who started the hostilities. The German memorandum is entitled "Negotiations Concerning the Neutralization of the Conventional Basin of the Congo."

It maintains that the British took the initiative in the hostilities in this region. Evidence that the British are now willing to treat this point as at least a doubtful one is seen by the Daily Chronicle in an answer given by Lord Robert Cecil, Under Secretary for the Colonies, to a question in the House of Commons:

"I am unable to state what was actually the first act of war within the conventional basin of the Congo."

The Daily Chronicle says it remains to be seen whether Germany will be able to propose the basis for an armistice acceptable to Earl Kitchener.

The newspaper adds that the German memorandum includes a considerable quantity of year-old German-American official correspondence on the subject.

ASTORIA RATES TOPIC

CHAMBER TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL FOR SAME TARIFF AS PORTLAND.

Meeting Called for Early Next Week by Governors, Who Hear J. N. Teal's Views on Subject.

Opportunity to consider the proposal to recommend that Astoria be granted common rates with Portland and Puget Sound will be presented to the entire membership of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. This was decided upon yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the board of governors of the chamber.

The meeting will be called for some evening early next week, probably Monday or Tuesday, unless there are found to be other matters of importance that might interfere, said C. C. Colt, president of the Chamber, last night.

The Astoria rate question already has been discussed by the traffic and transportation bureau of the Chamber. J. N. Teal, representing this bureau, spoke to the governors yesterday. His address was followed by a discussion of the different phases that had been presented. The governors decided to ask Mr. Teal to present his analysis of the situation to the members of the Chamber, and this he will do at the meeting next week.

"The Chamber of Commerce realizes that this is a matter of great importance," said Mr. Colt last night. "There should be no ill-considered or hasty action, and we want the members to have the fullest opportunity to study and understand the situation. It is for this reason that the meeting is to be called for the next week, and at that time we hope to have a large attendance of our membership."

COUNCIL TO DIRECT WAR

British Government to Recognize Unofficial Body.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—No reconstruction of the Cabinet nor constitution of a smaller Cabinet is being considered by the government at the present time, says the parliamentary correspondent of the Daily News, but it has been decided, he says, to give official recognition to a hitherto unofficial "inner war council" or committee.

Seven to ten ministers have heretofore taken part at various times in the deliberations of this body, which is now to be officially appointed with an exact definition of powers and principles. The committee, the newspaper says, will sit daily and will decide on executive acts of war. Such decisions, moreover, need not in future be referred for approval to the full Cabinet.

MOOSE ENJOY PROGRAMME

Instrumental and Vocal Music, Talks and Boxing Enliven Event.

Members of the Moose Lodge gathered in their clubrooms in the Royal building Wednesday night and enjoyed the entertainment to the utmost. The programme was excellent. It opened with Chief "Biddy" Dowell and Jake Emmert giving a harmonica duet. W. L. Kenney, Percie Springer, Fred Johnson, followed, contributing several vocal selections. Roscoe Hurst then gave a monologue as also did Barnard Holstein. Frank Hennessey, Jack Paulson and Charles Robinson sang. Several boxing bouts also enlivened the evening.

FOUR MORE GERMANS SUNK

British Submarines Add to Victims in Baltic Sea.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 27, via London, Oct. 28.—British submarines have sunk four more German steamers in the Baltic. This announcement is made in the Russian official statement issued tonight.

COUNTRY FAIR IS FUN

Crowds at B'nai B'rith Pay With New Paper Issue.

"MASHERS" HEAVILY FINED

Merry-makers "Try Luck" at Various Devices Aimed to Take Money Away From Visitors and Jitney Dance Proves Popular.

Paper bills, fashioned after the sort that flowed from the Southern states during the Civil War, were sold by the room at the first night of the County Fair that is being held by the combined B'nai B'rith organizations of the city at the hall near Thirteenth and Mill streets Wednesday night.

From the time the doors were opened until the last concession owner had put up his sign "gone home" the hall was thronged with the good-natured crowd that parted with its paper money—5 cents for each piece of currency—freely and for a good cause.

When the doors were closed last night every concessionaire and enough of the paper bills to start fires with all winter.

Many "Try Luck" at Store

As soon as the pleasure seeker entered and was "cleared" of his admission tickets by the stern officer of the law who stood at the door the spirit of camaraderie was manifested, and amid the roar of the "barkers" and the shouts of mendicants, who had every conceivable staple to sell, was heard the din of happy voices.

The country store and the "jitney" dance were favorites, and all evening long a crowd thronged the entrance to the store and "took a chance" on the innumerable sorts of wares. The dance also attracted many and the pockets of the cashiers bulged with admissions.

In the basement of the building a reproduction of a frontier mining town dazzled with all the devices known for tempting the passers-by to "try their luck."

There were diving maids and men in the tank in the basement and some of the best fancy divers in the city gave startling exhibitions. On the main floor all the four sides of the building were lined with concessions and every attraction that ever followed a county fair or a circus had its place. Wild men, pretty girls, thought readers, men of mystery, hula dancers, all drew throngs.

One of the features of the fair was the kangaroo court beginning at 9:28 o'clock professional feminine "mashers" and policemen hunted the building over for possible offenders of the many laws that governed the attending crowd, and when there were no violations trumped-up charges were productive of heavy fines.

Committees Assigned to Tasks.

M. Mossesohn was the chairman of the arrangement committee, and B. W. Rubin was the general manager of the fair. Names of the managers of all the concessions were: Central Bank, Simon Cohn; Kangaroo Court, Judge E. N. Mossesohn; prosecuting attorney, Chas. W. Robinson; Monte Carlo, Marcus John; Country Store, Abe Rosenstien; Bazaar, Ed. Bauer; Ben Leiner; "Jitney" dance, Louis Gevurtz; refreshments, Joe Tonkin, duck pond, Barney Metzger; firing the girls, Victor Hoelsh; pianist and fortune teller, Ed. Cohn; postoffice, wireless telegraph station, Edward Weinbaum; "mashers," Mrs. M. Wax, Mrs. A. L. Goldstein and Mrs. Eden Savoy; Fish Island, Ed. Fisher, Harry Fisher, Ed. Blumenthal and Fred Palmer; grapevine, Mrs. Myr Simon; trained nurse, Mrs. Marcus Hochfield; three-legged lady, Alfred Schilt; Oriental dancer, Jimmy Gilbert; incubator, Louis Margulis; myateria, I. Beaugart; X-rays, Dr. Tilsner; hitting the nigger, Herman Cohn; swimming pool, Dave Cohn; poultry raffle, J. Lauterstein; Stella, Jake Levin; guess your weight, Harry Cohn.

In the course of the evening an exhibition of the National fox trot, National one-step and the Montrose waltz were given by Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Ringler. Miss Leah Cohn and Louis Kaufman were heard in musical numbers.

The County Fair closes tonight. The proceeds from the fair will be used toward the liquidation of the mortgage on the B'nai B'rith building.

RURAL CREDITS GAINING

Several Amendments Promise to Carry in California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—Incomplete returns tonight from yesterday's general election indicate that several of the nine constitutional amendments promised to carry.

Proposition No. 4, stipulating that Supreme, Appellate and Superior Court Judges should retain office until their successors are qualified, was leading by a majority of 8000 votes on Mar. from 3733 of the 4672 precincts of the state.

Proposition No. 5, proposing rural credits legislation, and No. 7, requiring a two-thirds majority vote to pass initiative measures and safeguarding 16 Chinese taken in raid Operation of Gambling Game Is Charged Against Merchant.

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TWO ARE FOUND GUILTY

British Agents Convicted of Aiding in Recruiting.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—Two men, Ralph K. Blair and Dr. Thomas Addis, were found guilty Wednesday in the Federal Court of conspiring to recruit men in the United States for the British military service. Counsel for Blair and Thomas said that an appeal would be taken. It was reported that the British consulate, which was represented in court during the trial, urged such a course.

Chief Justice Lawrence and the Blair-Addis Company were found not guilty. The stipulations filed with Judge Dooling admitted funds for recruiting men were furnished by A. Carnegie Ross, British Consul here; that 155

men were recruited; that headquarters were maintained, where the men were housed and fed; that transportation and \$9.10 each for sustenance on their journeys were furnished the men, and that the men were to be transported to England.

More than \$100,000 was alleged by the Government to have been spent in the alleged recruiting of men for British military service. The money was said to have been traced to British sources.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Convictions under the old statute making it a crime of conspiracy to employ men on American soil for military service abroad is regarded by the State Department officials as likely to bring to an issue the question whether the United States shall permit to remain in effect a law based on a policy which might operate to its own serious disadvantage in time of war.

The statute under which Blair and Addis were convicted at San Francisco does not affect the activities of representatives of a foreign power, who arrange for the return of reservists, but imposes heavy penalties on the agents of a nation undertaking to send back home for service citizens or subjects who are not already on military rolls.

Sir Cecil Spring Rice, the British Ambassador who was at the State Department today conferring over an adjustment of the question of facilitating the release of American-owned goods of German and Belgian origin now held in Holland, expressed surprise when he learned of the convictions.

Embassy officials have conferred with the Department of Justice on the subject, and it is understood that at the embassy's instance the case will be appealed and that if the result is unchanged the matter will be taken up diplomatically.

BRITISH CONSUL IS NAMED

H. L. Sherwood Is on Way to Administer Affairs in This District.

John P. Trant the British Vice-Consul of the district comprising Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska, who has been administering the affairs of the consular office since the departure of Thomas Erskine for New Orleans, has been notified that H. L. Sherwood, of London, England, has been named as the Consul to take Mr. Erskine's place. Mr. Sherwood should arrive here within a few days.

Mr. Sherwood has been employed in the London Foreign Office, but so far as can be ascertained he has never served his country in the consular service. Mr. Sherwood will be accompanied by his wife.

BURGLAR SUSPECT IS HELD

Ex-Convict Charged With Robbing Linton Home.

A burglar was seen early Wednesday leaving a house in Linton, from which clothing and jewelry were stolen. John Donlin was arrested later in St. Johns by Detectives Royle and John Moloney and Officer O. Aspen, and charged with the crime. He will be tried in Municipal Court today.

Donlin, according to detectives, has only been out of Folsom Penitentiary in California about two months after serving a two-year term for burglary. He is also said to have served two terms here for larceny and bad check work.

GIANTS DUE TO DISEASE

Boston Physician Finds Cause and Removes It.

BOSTON, Oct. 28.—An operation to regulate the growth of persons afflicted with gigantism was demonstrated before the Clinical Congress of Surgeons of North America by Dr. Harvey Cushing, of this city, today. He explained that the disease which resulted in producing the giants similar to sidehows was caused by a disease in the condition of a small gland in the center of the head.

In his operation Dr. Cushing rolled back the nose of his patient, removed a section of the gland and replaced the nose.

KRUPPS GET DUTCH JOB

German Plant to Build Two Cruisers for Holland.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—A dispatch to the Express from Copenhagen says that the Krupp plant has obtained a contract to build two cruisers for the Dutch government.

The vessels will be built at Amsterdan and Rotterdam under immediate control of German engineers.

A wealthy young Englishman before going to the front, insured his life for \$1,000,000, the risk being split among several offices. The first premium was \$10,000.



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