

Plot is Bared by Hindu Witnesses

Jodh Singh and Sukumar Chatterji Disclose Details of Conspiracy.

GERMANS ARE IMPLICATED

Touton at Manila, Active in Scheme. When Short of Funds, Wired Consul at Chicago for Money.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—Jodh Singh, who appeared as one of the Government's principal witnesses in the recent so-called Hindu plot trial in Chicago, will appear in the same role here Tuesday, when he will testify in the trial of 24 persons charged with conspiring to overthrow British rule in India.

Singh was named in the indictments which brought the Chicago and San Francisco defendants to trial for participation in the same alleged plot. His name and alleged activities figured today in the testimony of Sukumar Chatterji, another Government witness, but his status in the trial, like Chatterji's, will be that of a witness for the prosecution.

The cross-examination of Chatterji was completed late today. His testimony was confined principally to a journey which he is alleged to have made from this port through the Orient to Bangkok, Siam, and the Hindus and German consular officials he is said to have co-operated with in furtherance of the alleged conspiracy.

Witness' Fate Uncertain. After describing his arrest in Bangkok shortly after his arrival in that city and telling of the three statements he said he had made to the British officials there and at Singapore, the witness testified that whether or not he was a military prisoner liable to imprisonment or execution was a matter of conjecture.

The witness denied that there had been any misunderstanding between himself and the British authorities as to what bearing his testimony on the plot trials would have on the disposal of the charge of treason still pending against him in India.

Further details of the intrigue that joined German consular officials in Chicago, other American cities and Pacific Ocean island ports with Hindus and adventurers, in an alleged conspiracy to foment revolution against British rule in India, were revealed today when Chatterji took the stand again for the government.

German Letter Destroyed. Chatterji, a Brahmin native of Bengal, continued his direct testimony and shed light on a journey to China that he said he made in the interests of the conspiracy. At Manila, he testified, he was given a letter which had originated in the German consular office there. This bore a queer inscription, which was to serve as a means of identifying the man to whom he was to deliver it in Amoy, China.

Jodh Singh identified himself in Amoy by showing a copy of the inscription, the witness testified, and he gave the letter to him. Singh later told him the letter had been safely delivered to the German Consul at Amoy, Chatterji testified.

A man named Boehm appeared to be active in the conspiracy at Manila, Chatterji said. When the witness was short of funds, he asked the German Consul at Manila to wire the German Consul-General at Chicago for more money, which Chatterji said, was promptly furnished.

Two Letters Destroyed. In describing his journey from this city to Bangkok, where he said he was to have been joined by other persons interested in the alleged conspiracy, Chatterji said he had destroyed two letters in his possession, and that he was arrested by the authorities in Bangkok, having received secret advice that his arrest was impending.

Under cross-examination the witness said he had studied philosophy in India and America, engineering journalism and aviation in San Francisco, and that he had known that societies with large memberships had existed in India many years, having as their object the overthrowing of the British government.

"You have testified you were asked by Ram Chandra to write for the Gadar an article asserting Germany had gone to war simply to free India of British rule," declared Theodore Roche, an attorney for the defense, "will you now admit that you knowingly wrote something which you knew was to deceive your countrymen and others?"

Later Roche said:

Hindu Sees German Consul. "You have testified that you met the German Consul at Bangkok. Don't you know for a fact that there is not and never has been a German Consulate in Bangkok?"

"No," replied the witness. "The man with whom I came in contact was introduced to me as the German Consul." Chatterji said he had no met the German Consul of either Manila or Swatow, China, but he met the German Consul at Amoy, China.

LABOR NOT CHATTEL

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FALL OPENING IS DENIED

O.-C. GRANT LANDS TO REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL SPRING.

Representative Hawley's Efforts to Get Homesteaders Located This Year Meet With Refusal.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 23.—(Special).—Clay Tallman, commissioner of the General Land Office, has written to Representative Hawley stating that none of the Oregon or California grant lands will be thrown open until next Spring, when some of the classifications will be in shape that people may go on the lands early.

Mr. Tallman stated that some lands are opened this Fall, particularly those around Grants Pass, which could be cultivated to crops next season if opened at this time.

Mr. Tallman states that so many unavoidable delays in bringing about the final payment of taxes have made it impossible to give sufficient notice of the opening and bring it about before the late Fall or the early Winter.

It seems to me that this would be a very unpropitious time to bring about the opening of the lands under the homestead laws, which require the applicant to testify that he has examined the lands and speaks concerning them of his own knowledge. My thought has been that such procedure would be tantamount to testifying to the best success of the opening. It was by Mr. Hawley left for Washington yesterday and Mr. Tallman's letter has been forwarded to him there.

MINE MEN CRITICISE TAX

LOW CAPITAL CORPORATIONS DECLAIM HARDEST HIT

Representation of Exhaustive Interests on Excess Profits Board Is Urged.

The war excess profit tax provision of the recently passed income tax law is being criticised by mining men as being a heavy burden upon the mining and oil industries of the country.

A telegram received by H. N. Lawrie, chairman of the Oregon Bureau of Mines and Geology, from the American Mining Congress at Washington, D. C., stated the attitude of the Congress toward the tax law.

The mining industry is not seeking to avoid just taxation, but decries unfairly and disproportionately heavy burdens upon industry with small invested capital and corporations.

The mining industry has money invested in large capitalization. Provisions of the new law can be brought into effect by the mining industry through the application of the law to the mining industry.

Request should be made urging representation of the mining and other exhaustive industries in administrative council, and especially upon the recently appointed excess profit board.

The tax question is important in its relation to Oregon's mining industry, said Mr. Lawrie yesterday, commenting on the message. "The majority of our producers are those with small capital invested."

POOLING IN PROSPECT

GOVERNMENT SALE OF ALL COAL IS HELD POSSIBLE

Scheme Already on Trial by Fuel Administration—Advantages Are Clearly Shown.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Eventual Government pooling and sale of all the coal mined in the United States was seen as a possibility here today in the fuel administration's approval of a producers' pool just formed at Cleveland which will handle shipments of mines in Ohio, West Virginia, a part of Pennsylvania and perhaps Tennessee and Kentucky. Creation of other pools will be encouraged.

If Government pooling is put into effect it will be made operative next Spring and will supersede the shipper's pools. Under such an arrangement the Government would regulate the output of the entire output, selling it without profit.

Advantages in Government pooling pointed out today by officials were that distribution would be easier, since the Government itself would direct shipments and more efficient operation.

R. G. FITHIAN IN FRANCE

Portland Lieutenant Is Student at Tours Aviation School.

A cablegram from Tours, France, received by H. Fithian yesterday, announces the safe arrival of his son, Lieutenant Robert G. Fithian, of the United States Aviation Corps.

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BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 23.—The American Federation of Labor today reaffirmed its position against government by injunction and declared that any injunction dealing with the relationship of employer and employee based on the dictum that labor is property "be held as usurpation and disregarded, let the consequences be what they may."

The declaration was adopted in connection with a resolution relating to a recent decision of the Supreme Court of the state of Washington, enjoining strikers from picketing. The resolution asked the convention to condemn the "reactionary attitude" of the court and to give its best counsel and effort to workers.

A committee favorably reporting the resolution to the convention added: "This committee holds that decisions and practices of this kind are more harmful to our Government than any other influence in our land."

The election of officers was made a special order of business for tomorrow morning. No opposition to President Gompers and his associates is looked for. Final adjournment probably will not come until late Saturday night.

An application of "several local unions" of bookkeepers, stenographers and typewriters for a National charter brought to the convention floor difficulties that have involved the clerical forces of the federation headquarters at Washington, in connection with which W. M. Pollock of Washington, National circular attacking Secretary Frank Morrison.

The circular proved a boomerang, being the principal cause of the convention voting to adopt a committee report refusing to grant the National charter sought. Secretary Morrison was accused of not following the precept of unionism with regard to his clerical forces.

CAVE-IN INJURES WORKER

Robert Stevens, of Aberdeen, Suffering From Bruises and Shock.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Nov. 23.—(Special).—Robert Stevens, employed on the county road near Elma, nearly lost his life today when the sides of a deep hole in which he was working caved in. He was completely buried.

Fellow workmen shoveled him out within a few minutes. An examination showed he suffered from bruises and nervous shock.

TELEGRAPH LINES BOUGHT

Great Northern Buys Property Worth \$2,000,000 From Western Union.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 23.—The Great Northern Railroad has taken over all of the property of the Western Union Telegraph Company along the former's right-of-way between St. Paul and Seattle. It was announced here today.

The property is valued at more than \$2,000,000, it is said, and the transfer eliminates the old operating contract between the companies.

BAKER STIRRED BY CASE

Damage Suit by ex-County Judge Messick Is Under Way.

BAKER, Or., Nov. 23.—(Special).—With the selection of a jury completed, the Messick \$30,000 damage suit began today.

Casey Jones' Big Jazz Band

Is the Hit of Dancing Season

Arcadian Garden Multnomah Hotel

Dinner 5:30 to 8:30 P. M. Supper 10 to 12:30 P. M.

Favors Tuesday and Friday Nights

The Multnomah Luncheons

50c - 35c

Allied Red Cross Bazaar at Auditorium December 5, 6, 7, 8

here today when J. L. Band opened for the plaintiff and Judge William Smith for the defendant. The case promises to be the most sensational on the local records.

Mr. Band read the complaint, in which J. B. Messick, Baker's former County Judge, who was recalled, accuses a group of prominent stockmen and Baker business men of circulating false statements and affidavits for the purpose of defaming his character. Mr. Band pronounced the defendant's answer as a mere repetition of the libel.

At the close of the opening rebuttal Judge Smith moved that a judgment for the defendants be granted on the face of the pleadings, arguing that the complaint failed to specify wherein libelous language had been used by any of the defendants. Judge Anderson ruled, however, that the motion could not be allowed because it had been made too late. The time required by the argument of the motion prevented the introduction of testimony today.

QUICK AID APPRECIATED

ACTION TAKEN BY MR. HOUSER RELIEVES FARMERS.

Prompt Settlement for Train Permits Growers to Arrange for Further Planting.

The efforts of M. H. Houser, agent of the Food Administration Cattle Corporation, in obtaining a prompt settlement with farmers who had been under some difficulty in disposing of their wheat, is appreciated by the grain-growers of the Pacific Northwest. F. M. Driver, a farmer of Wasco County, wrote to Mr. Houser, saying that in expressing his thanks for assistance so afforded he knew he voiced the sentiment of the farmers of the entire Inland Empire.

Mr. Driver pointed out that the farmers had been doing their utmost in assisting the Government in food production, yet faced a serious handicap in being unable to obtain funds unless they sacrificed. The lack of money with which to discharge all obligations to farm hands prompted the latter to seek other employment. More men were drawn from the farms by the National Army draft, so Mr. Driver says, the farmers faced a problem in preparing for the 1918 crops when the financial adjustment was made.

Negro Soldiers to Dance. TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 23.—(Special).—One more public dance hall will be permitted in Tacoma.

Police Chief Smith said today that the negro residents of the city had asked permission to open a recreation hall for the benefit of the negro soldiers at Camp Lewis and that he would grant the request.

Blackleg Appears Among Cattle. BAKER, Or., Nov. 23.—(Special).—Henry E. Tweed, Baker County's new agricultural agent, arrived here today

The Boys Shop



Bring the boys in early tomorrow for some of these good, warm Winter Clothes. There are hundreds of garments from which to choose. Steel Fiber Niks Suits \$8.50. Boys' Norfolk Suits \$5 to \$20. Wool Surface Raincoats \$6.50, \$8.50. Complete Stocks of Boys' Furnishings. Second Floor—Elevator. BEN SELLING. Leading Clothier Morrison Street at Fourth.

WHAT AMERICA MUST DO

In the Face of Russian Anarchy and Italian Reverses

Germany will be defeated by France, Great Britain and the United States, and at the last, the lion's share of the task will belong to the United States. This opinion, advanced by many competent observers since Russia's lapse into anarchy and Italy's staggering reverses, is accepted by our press in all parts of the land in a spirit of quiet and unflinching resolution. "We have drawn the sword and we might as well throw away the scabbard," exclaims the Chicago Herald, "for it is to be a fight to a finish and German successes in Russia and Italy indicate that the struggle may be prolonged."

The only German drive that the allies have reason really to fear, many of our papers declare, is the coming drive for peace terms that will leave Germany secure in the possession of her present absolute control over middle Europe, and which will doubtless find expression through various pacifist outlets in America. "What I am opposed to is not the feeling of the pacifists," says President Wilson, "but their stupidity. My heart is with them but my mind has a contempt for them. I want peace, but I know how to get it and they do not."

The leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST for November 24th deals with the present war crisis and it throws a flood of light upon the subject that is stirring the soul of America.

Other important topics covered in this number of "The Digest" are:

America's Vast Labor Army to Cooperate and Win the War

- China Objects to Our Japan Pact
The Dawn of Order in Russia
The Jews to Rule in Zion
Volcanic Ireland Near Eruption
Wine for the French Soldiers
The Microphone in the Trenches
Shakespeare Has a Chance in London
Varieties of Anti-Germanism
The "Poilu's" Protest Against Unclean Plays

Negro Segregation Unlawful

The Causes of High-Food Prices (Prepared by the U. S. Food Administration)
Ingenuity of the Camera-Man
Sanitary Soda
Voting by Electrical Signal
A War Call for the Schools
Shall We Despair of Civilization?
News of Finance, Industry and Commerce

Many Striking Illustrations, Including Full Page Reproductions, and Cartoons

"Digest" Readers Acclaim Its Worth From All Quarters of the Globe

From the steaming jungles of Senegal, the fertile plains of the Argentine, the temple shades of Japan, the teak forests of Burma, the covepalms of Hawaii, the blue-gum groves of Australia, and the far-flung acres of Saskatchewan, a single mail recently brought to the editors of THE LITERARY DIGEST a sheaf of letters telling of the writers' gratitude for the opportunity afforded by this most comprehensive of news-recorders of keeping posted on all the great events of the day.

Other letters tell how it keeps the prospectors in a Far-Western mining camp in touch with the world's affairs and how it is passed eagerly from hand to hand by the "Tommys" and "Sammies" in the trenches on the Somme. Wherever men gather together it is read from cover to cover for its crisp, condensed, and wholly impartial summaries of current happenings. It is cosmopolitan in its scope and universal in its sympathies. To read it is to become a citizen of the world.

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