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"WAR" ON PRICES HELD CAMOUFLAGE

Presidency Is Declared Palmer's Real Goal.

EMPLOYES ARE CALLED TOOLS

Bureaus Merely Campaign Organs, Is Charge.

U. S. PAYS RAILWAY FARES

Use of H. C. L. Literature to Advance White House Campaign Is Alleged.

ST. LOUIS, July 9.—Questioning of a dozen witnesses by the senate committee investigating campaign expenditures today resulted in charges that the high cost of living bureau established by the department of justice were "political enterprises," intended primarily to "bring about the nomination of Attorney-General A. Mitchell Palmer for president by the democratic national convention."

Miss Olivia Brueggeman, formerly executive secretary of the Missouri women's committee to reduce the high cost of living, was one of the witnesses.

Annual Cost Put at \$100,000.

Miss Brueggeman said there are 18 "H. C. L." bureaus in the country, "run at a cost of at least \$100,000 a year," and that she understood they also were used to advocate Palmer's candidacy.

"They were apparently to organize counties, but in reality to boost Palmer for president," she said.

Miss Brueggeman also declared workers supposed to address meetings on the high cost of living actually spoke only on Palmer, telling "what a fine man he would be for president."

These workers frequently traveled at government expense, she declared. "I was dismissed from my office because I was a republican," she said.

Miss Brueggeman said that after three months in office she was dismissed and summoned to Washington, where she conferred with Howard Figg, assistant attorney-general.

"He previously had asked me, 'Miss Brueggeman, continue, 'to include literature favorable to Palmer in the 'H. C. L.' literature sent out. The 'H. C. L.' office was purely a political enterprise."

Palmer Boosting Related.

"This literature ostensibly was 'H. C. L.' literature, but much of it was not published. This caused complaint from Mr. Figg."

"Miss Mary Scott, drew \$200 a month and was seldom in the office more than two hours a day. A Miss Halsey Wilson was sent here by the department of justice to speak on the 'H. C. L.' She addressed several meetings and did nothing but boost Palmer for president."

"The only time Miss Wilson mentioned the 'H. C. L.' was when she said the way to reduce it was 'to elect Palmer president.'"

"When talking to Mr. Figg at Washington, I told him I did not know it was a political organization but that it did not make any difference who was boosted, for the republicans had to have some one to run against."

Price Committees Scored.

Miss Brueggeman said she was never told she had to support the attorney-general for president, but that it was made plain to her by Figg that such support was desirable.

Senator Kenyon, who conducted the questioning, said Brueggeman asked concerning efforts by the department of justice to reduce living costs.

She said the fair price committees were farces and that frequently a merchant on such a committee would fix the price on his own goods.

Miss Mary Scott, mentioned by Miss Brueggeman, then was called to the stand. She said the principal object of the bureau to reduce living costs was to teach the people to do away with non-essentials. She admitted a charge by Miss Brueggeman that she used government money to go to the democratic state convention at Joplin. She said the plan was to urge "H. C. L." reduction at the convention.

Senator Kenyon asked if she had not attended the convention to "hurt Reed and help Palmer."

"Early," she answered, but added, "she also talked over the 'H. C. L.' with women there."

Expense to U. S. Held Justified.

Miss Scott said the government paid her railway fare and allowed her \$4 a day on her trips to the Joplin convention and the republican convention at Kansas City.

"Can you justify this use of taxpayers' money?" asked Senator Kenyon.

"Yes, before God I can," interrupted Miss Scott. "For I did government work."

Checks signed by Edward F. Goitra, democratic national committeeman from Missouri, were given to delegates to pay their expenses to the convention at Joplin, according to members of the St. Louis democratic committee.

Patrick O'Neill, member of the democratic city committee, and a delegate to the convention, also was mentioned.

SUFFRAGISTS CLEANSE CALIFORNIA'S POLITICS

EQUAL VOTE IN STATE IS JUSTIFIED, SAYS GOVERNOR.

Government Is Better Administered,

Stephens Wires, Refuting Statement of Annie Beck.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., July 9.—In compliance with a telegraphic request from Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, national suffrage leader of New York, Governor William D. Stephens has sent a telegram to Governor H. A. Roberts of Tennessee denying the statements of Annie Beck of Los Angeles to the Tennessee legislature that suffrage has proved a failure in California. The governor's telegram follows:

"Politics is cleaner, government better administered and the moral welfare of the people far more intelligently and effectively promoted in California because of woman suffrage. Statements to the contrary are not justified by the facts and results. Equal suffrage in California has justified itself in every way—no exceptions. It was carried by about 3000 in 1910. It would carry now by about 100,000 if voted upon by men alone; if voted upon by both men and women it would carry by 300,000."

POLITICAL OFFICE KEPT

Republicans Retain San Francisco as Branch of Headquarters.

CHICAGO, July 9.—Republican national headquarters tonight announced that the San Francisco branch of the organization, which has been in operation for two years in charge of Raymond Benjamin, former deputy attorney-general of California, who has been regional assistant to the chairman, will be continued.

Elmer E. Dover of Tacoma, Wash., will assist Mr. Benjamin as regional campaign director. Several other members of the national committee were named.

Miss Scott will be at the San Francisco headquarters, including John W. Hart of Idaho and Ralph E. Williams of Oregon.

Mr. Dover served with Marcus A. Hanna in former campaigns and was secretary of the national committee for a number of years.

GIRL DIES FROM INJURIES

Motorcycle Falls to Take Turn, With Fatal Results.

EUGENE, Or., July 9.—(Special.)—Marie Scott, 18, daughter of Walter Scott of Marveta, was killed late last night when a motorcycle on which she was riding failed to take a sharp turn in the road near Hayden's bridge, eight miles above Eugene.

Miss Scott coasted with Eugene with Guy Nonoco of Mabel and Curtis Blakeley of Eugene about 10 o'clock last night, she and Blakeley riding in the side car and Nonoco driving the vehicle. Blakeley says they were riding at a rate of 50 miles an hour and when the turn in the road was reached he was unable to control the motorcycle.

Miss Scott suffered concussion of the brain, according to physicians who examined the body. She died on the way to Springfield. The men were uninjured.

BROTHER SHOT FOR DEER

Clyde Lillie Accidentally Killed by Albert While on Hunt.

MARSHFIELD, Or., July 9.—(Special.)—Clyde Lillie was mistaken for a live deer and killed by his brother, Albert, while the two were deer hunting two miles from Arago today.

Clyde had posted his brother near a runway on a rise and he went into a gulch to beat the brush. A deer ran past Albert's lookout and he fired but missed. Hearing another rustling in the brush he fired again, killing Clyde who was coming up the hill to learn the success of his brother's first shot.

Dr. V. L. Hamilton of Coquille, found the hunter had died instantly. Coroner Wilson of Marshfield went to the scene to conduct an inquest.

2 DIE, 16 HURT IN WRECK

Train Carrying Arizona Governor Strikes Cantaloupe Freight.

PRESCOTT, Ariz., July 9.—Two persons were killed and 16 injured, three seriously, when a Santa Fe, Prescott & Phoenix passenger train on which Governor Campbell of Arizona, was a passenger, struck a train of cantaloupe cars.

The wreck was between Kirkland and Hillside today.

CUBANS HOLD SUGAR UP

Offers of 18 1/2 Cents a Pound Said to Have Been Refused.

HAVANA, July 9.—Reports that the Cuban sugar sales committee had offered sugar for sale were denied by Salvatore del Valle, a member of the committee, here last night.

He declared, moreover, that offers of 18 1/2 cents a pound made to that body had been refused.

RUNAWAY CAR HITS MAN

Automobile Starting "On Its Own" Races Into Pedestrian.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 9.—An automobile, starting "on its own" when left at the curb at Sixth avenue and Seneca street today, raced down Seneca street and ran into Joseph A. Percival, 47.

Percival was severely injured.

JOHN D. JR. TALKS BUT SAYS LITTLE

Magnate Urbane as Ever and Bit Sarcastic.

ALL QUESTIONS ANSWERED

But News Hounds Get Little Real Information.

VISIT HERE BRIEF ONE

Interviewers Fail to Get Light on Gasoline Situation, Politics or Anything Else.

As an interviewee, John D. Rockefeller Jr. is a shrewd financier. At the end of a ten-minute barrage from newspaper men yesterday, during which he answered every question fired at him, a post-mortem developed that he had said virtually nothing. At least not as far as business, sociology or politics are concerned.

He was urbane, very, albeit a trifle sarcastic.

"It is indeed a very great pleasure to meet you, gentlemen," he greeted to the news hounds, as they racked their brains for questions which could not be dodged, "but I do not have a very short while, have many friends to see and desire to visit your wonderful highway this afternoon. May I be permitted to leave shortly?" His smile was engaging and infectious.

Grin Provokes Smile.

A battery of cameras clicked as Mr. Rockefeller chatted. He posed willingly, but refused to smile for the camera men until a lean and sour photographer vouchsafed a grin with him. The visitor was in golf garb.

"No, I don't know anything about the gas situation," he replied in answer to a question. "I merely find it a comfortable way to travel. My father plays a great deal and he tells me he plays well, but I don't know enough about golf to verify his statement."

The reference to John D. Sr. recalled to a newspaper man the fact that the oil magnate had celebrated his 81st birthday Thursday.

"Did you congratulate your father on his birthday yesterday?" queried a reporter, from lack of anything else to say.

Query Brings Retort.

"What would you have done?" flashed back Mr. Rockefeller.

"Of course, I telegraphed him," he continued without waiting for an answer.

"What is the gasoline situation? Is there a real shortage?" was asked.

"Of course, I telegraphed him," he continued without waiting for an answer.

"I am not an officer or director in any oil company," responded the magnate.

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AMUNDSEN TO MAKE DASH FOR NORTH POLE

EXPLORER PLANS TO CONFIRM OR REFUTE PEARY'S CLAIM.

StrIKE IN FIVE LOCAL FILM THEATERS DUE

UNION MEMBERS TO QUIT AT 11 O'CLOCK TODAY.

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RICHER CORN LAND ON EARTH VISITED

TOURISTS SEE FERTILE DISTRICT WHERE HOPES DIED.

EX-OFFICER BREAKS DOWN AND CONFESSES CRIME.

Ex-Officer Breaks Down and Confesses Crime.

AIDE IN PLOT ALSO VICTIM

Pretty Girl Bride of Year About to Become Mother.

GUN TRAPS MURDERER

"I Had Tired of Married Life and Longed to Go Back to Army," Arch-Flend Confesses.

SOVIET ARRANGES CREDIT

Contracts Valued at \$6,000,000.

DENVER HAS BIG BLAZE

Several Buildings Burned; Loss Estimated at \$250,000.

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THE WEATHER.—Maximum temperature, 79 degrees; minimum, 48 degrees. Fair, westerly winds.

FOREIGN.—German cabinet signs pact to reduce armaments. Poles repulsed by Reds at three points. Harvest in United States generally promises to be abundant one. North Dakota is breeding place of intense hatred. Governor Stephens of California says sufficient cause made state points clean. National Education association adjourns after adopting the "delegate system" for the summer session. Palmer campaign on high prices branded as camouflage to advance presidential campaign. Western invasion by Cox is probable. House committee confers with Governor Stephens to plan investigation of Japanese report. Irish continue effort to obtain plank in platform for the summer session. Ex-licentiate confesses killing wife and co-plotter in "frame-up" robbery. Amundsen to make dash for north pole. Vanquisher of congressional appropriations committee reach Bend, Or., and ace sports. Dempsey falls as "fighting champion." Athletes of coast looming up strong. Public League results: Portland 2; Vernon 1; Los Angeles 0; Salt Lake 1; San Francisco 0; Sacramento 3; Seattle 4; Oakland 0. Page 12.

LOCAL.—Rudolph Wilhelm of Portland is a competitor for the amateur north-west golf championship, which includes the coast. The Oregon Golf Association will hold its annual meeting at Astoria. O'Donoghue goes to get started, disappointing crowd. Page 13.

COMMERCIAL AND MARINE.—Oregon wheat crop greatly improved over last year. Page 19. Chicago crop traders correctly anticipate American report. Page 19. Rail stocks of all classes strong in Wall street. Page 19. Two cargoes of lumber are sold for export to Orient and South America. Page 15.

PORTLAND AND VICINITY.—Dr. Bowman, new Presbyterian minister, reaches here today. Page 11. Republican state committee to organize today for campaign. Page 11. John D. Jr. answers all queries but gives no hint of information. Page 1. Need of cars serious lumber problem. Page 11.

TOURISTS VISIT CENTER OF PROPOSED COLUMBIA BASIN PROJECT AND SEE RICHER CORN LAND ON EARTH. See business section. Page 10. President Taylor names men of north-west for important reality committee. Page 10. Secretary Meredith visits Portland. Page 7.

ACCOMPLISH IS TRIKED.—"I did not intend to give any of the money to the man engaged to play the part of robber in the 'frame-up' entrance and followed us in as I planned. Then I began shooting with two revolvers. I shot my wife first—it was very dark—then I turned one of the guns on the man and fired altogether ten times."

THE BODY OF THE MAN KILLED BY WANDERER IS THAT OF A YOUTH OF 22, DRESSED IN AN ARMY SHIRT AND TATTERED COATS AND TROUSERS. HE HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED.

THE ONE THING WHICH WANDERER OVERLOOKED, AND WHICH BROUGHT ABOUT HIS ARREST, WAS THE NUMBER ON THE WEAPON WHICH THE ALLEGED ROBBER USED. THIS NUMBER WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE FACTORY TO A RETAILER, THEN TO FRED WANDERER, A COUSIN, FROM WHOM CARL WANDERER BORROWED IT THE DAY OF THE DOUBLE KILLING.

WHEN HE HAD COMMITTED THE DOUBLE KILLING HE HAD THE CARTRIDGE TO THE SIDE OF THE UNIDENTIFIED STRANGER AND TOLD THE POLICE HIS WIFE HAD BEEN SHOT IN THE EXCHANGE OF BULLETS WHICH PASSED BETWEEN HIM AND THE "HOLD-UP" MAN.

THE SUSPICIONS OF THE POLICE WERE AROUSED BY THE UNEMOTIONAL MANNER IN WHICH HE RELATED THE SHOOTING INCIDENT. APPARENTLY THE POLICE FORGOT ABOUT THE SHOOTING AND WANDERER WAS GIVEN HIS FREEDOM. ACTUALLY, HOWEVER, THE HOMICIDE SQUAD WAS TRACING THE AUTOMATIC. IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL THEY LEARNED IT HAD BEEN PURCHASED BY HIS COUSIN. HIS ARREST FOLLOWED WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLOSE OF A 16-HOUR GRILLING THIS MORNING AT DETENTION house No. 1. WHEN HE HAD FINISHED HE LEFT ONLY ONE POINT IN DOUBT, THE IDENTITY OF THE POORLY-DRESSED TRAMP WHOSE CARTRIDGE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE FACTORY TO A RETAILER, THEN TO FRED WANDERER, A COUSIN, FROM WHOM CARL WANDERER BORROWED IT THE DAY OF THE DOUBLE KILLING.

"I shot my wife. Then I shot the bum, because I was afraid he would squeal. I wanted to get the dough she had. So I figured it all out and planned to make it look like a robbery."

"Monday afternoon I went down town to buy some butcher knives for my father's shop. There I found the bum. I asked him if he wanted to earn some easy money and he did. I let on I wanted him to drive my automobile. I told him to meet me at 7 o'clock at Lincoln and Lawrence avenues."

"The Saturday before I had told my wife to draw the money out of the bank. I wanted to get it where I

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