

TRUST OF BUILDERS SMASHED BY PROBE

Gotham Masons to Disband, Quit Price Fixing.

ROOFER COMBINE CRACKS

Inner Ring of Five Manufacturers of Metal Doors and Windows Breaks Up.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Three more building trade associations were under fire at today's hearing of the joint legislative committee investigating the "building trust." Because of today's revelations, Thomas Kennedy, president of the New York State Masons' Contractors' association, announced his organization would disband and dissolve its corporation, which had been fixing prices on masonry and concrete work.

The contract with the union providing that no union mason could work for a non-member of the association also will be abrogated, he declared.

The composition roofers and waterproofer's association has also begun to "mend its ways" and is eliminating all "objectionable regulations" because of the investigation, Edward J. Lee, secretary, told the committee.

Inquiry regarding the activities of the association of manufacturers of metal covered doors and windows was begun, several witnesses testifying that the organization's "code of ethics" had never been enforced.

"An inner ring" of five manufacturers, it was stated, had been dissolved. Fifty-two individuals and corporations in the plumbing trade indicated yesterday, charged with violating the state anti-trust law, pleaded not guilty when arraigned today. Bail for the individuals was fixed at \$5000 each.

PHONE RATE LIFT FOUGHT

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polating, again declared that the application for a new rate is based upon the alleged insufficiency of the present charges, and that the extension programme was presented merely to lend emphasis to the company's claim that scanty returns are preventing the investment necessary for extensions.

Phone Losses Tabulated.

"When were the data procured upon which this estimate was based?" asked James A. Fee of Bendleton.

"Last September," replied the witness.

"It was based on the prices of material and labor at that time, and not at the present?"

"At that time."

In Mr. Shaw's opening statement the following tabulation of losses and returns from various Oregon telephone exchanges was cited for the year 1919: Portland, loss, \$112,500; Salem,

loss, \$5919; Eugene, return, \$2145; Astoria, loss, \$18,152; Ashland, loss, \$4691; Astoria, return, \$4851; Baker, loss, \$509; Corvallis, loss, \$11,027; Grants Pass, loss, \$4872; Heppner, loss, \$2886; Klaskanine, loss, \$1580; John Day, loss, \$11,611; Pendleton, return, \$8912; Roseburg, loss, \$406; The Dalles, loss, \$1150; other Oregon communities, loss, \$11,826.

Witnesses were frequently interrogated by O. B. Sethers, city attorney of Astoria, who inquired why that city, showing a return on the investment, should not have the additional service required by its continued expansion.

Citizens Hear Argument.

The reply to this query, as to others respecting communities which showed a net revenue, was that the cost of contemplated extensions far exceeded the returns and that the public has no right to expect of the commission to require that net returns be applied to extensions.

Among those appearing at the session, where several score interested citizens of Portland spent the day, were Josephine M. Othus, president of the Housewives' council; John Gavin, city attorney; The Dalles; E. P. Van Schoick, secretary of The Dalles chamber of commerce; Mrs. M. E. Green of the St. Johns commercial club; E. P. Marcom, city attorney; Woodburn; J. E. Yanning, city attorney; Cottage Grove; C. A. Barford, Mutual Telephone association; Corvallis; E. O. Potter, city attorney; Springfield; O. H. Foster, city attorney; Eugene; O. B. Sethers, city attorney; E. Wilson, city attorney; Corvallis; James A. Fee, representing Pendleton, and W. H. Strayer, representing Baker county.

It is probable that the hearing will be concluded today, in order that witnesses, attorneys and members of the commission may return home for the Christmas holidays.

CHICAGO TRUST BEING AIRED

Several Truckloads of Records Produced as Evidence.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The federal grand jury's investigation of the alleged building trust in Chicago opened today with several truckloads of record books and contracts as evidence. Thirty-three subpoenas were issued last week against secretaries of lumber companies and carpenters' organizations by United States District Attorney Clegg.

It is alleged that the so-called organization of Chicago builders has made an effort to exclude all building materials not manufactured in Chicago.

Bankers to Visit Islands.

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 21.—(Special)—Between 200 and 250 prominent bankers from the western states will come to Hawaii for an outing some time in November of next year. The news came here from Clarence Cooke, president of the Bank of Hawaii, who is now in San Francisco and who has chartered one of the Matson vessels for the outing of the western bankers.

Judge Invited to Hawaii.

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 21.—(Special)—Judge Ben Lindsay, famous the world over and friend and up-lifter of youth and presiding judge of the juvenile court of Denver, has been invited to pay a visit to Hawaii by Judge J. J. Banks, who is to be the juvenile court judge here next year.

70 FILIPINOS PLEAD GUILTY OF SEDITION

Constabularymen in Riot at Manila Face Prison.

SEVEN WILL STAND TRIAL

Murder Charges Resulting From 11 Deaths in Clash With Police to Be Contested Bitterly.

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COPPER MARKET CLEARS

Colonel Jackling Predicts Early Revival of Big Industry.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 21.—Colonel D. C. Jackling, vice-president and managing director of the Utah Copper company, upon his arrival here from the east today declared that he looked for a revival in the copper manufacturing industry within the next few months.

The signing of a peace pact with Germany ought to help in that Germany has been purchasing only a little copper, he said. He added that high freight rates will undoubtedly result in the construction of zinc reduction plants in the west to cut the cost of production.

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