

COMES CAUSE OF BOOTH FAILURE

Banks Deceived Into Making Loans by False State- ments.

PROSECUTION MAY ENSUE

Formal Charge Made by Chicago Banks That Books Were Juggled. Debts of \$5,000,000 Due, and \$500,000 to Pay Them.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—Prosecution of certain persons alleged to have caused the downfall of the big fish and sea-food firm of A. Booth & Co. is threatened by indignant stockholders, according to reports current today. Names were mentioned, but Receiver Chalmers and others who are overhauling the books of the firm are endeavoring to ascertain who was responsible for the issuance of misleading statements on which heavy loans were obtained from the banks. It was ascertained today that ten Chicago banks, instead of four, as at first reported, held notes of the Booth company.

No Money to Pay Notes.

Jacob Newman, of counsel for the banks in the case, stated this afternoon that the firm's liabilities it has been discovered that \$5,000,000 were in short-term notes, due in from three to six months. As a favorable estimate would place the concern's earning power for half a year at \$500,000, Mr. Newman said that the bankruptcy is a complete reorganization was obvious.

Banks Say Books Juggled.

That the concern's books have been juggled for a period extending back at least three years is charged in a circular sent out by the interested bankers, who also set forth that in the company's statements, \$1,200,000 had been deducted from the liabilities, and the books made to balance by a similar juggling in the asset column.

By reason of this manipulation, it is alleged, the corporation has been enabled to float paper that otherwise might not have been accepted by the purchasers.

Members of the Booth family, however, are said to be in no way involved in any questionable transactions. They are said to have been the heaviest losers by reason of the mismanagement of others in whom they had imposed confidence.

The statement of the bankers bears the following signatures:
The First National Bank of Chicago, by F. O. Wetmore, vice-president.
The Corn Exchange National Bank of Chicago, by Ernest Hamill, president.
The Continental Bank of Chicago, by Alexander Elbertson, vice-president.
The Commercial National Bank of Chicago, by Joseph T. Talbert, vice-president.

Tricks to Fool Banks.

It was declared by other members of the committee that through the inaccurate statements every bank that has bought Booth & Co.'s notes in the last year has been misled. There are not more than 20 banks throughout the country that hold the company's paper.

Names Receivers in Michigan.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Sept. 12.—Judge Knapp, in the United States District Court for Western Michigan, today appointed William G. Chalmers, of Chicago, and C. Everett Alsworth, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., receivers for A. Booth & Co. in that district.

BEAT WESTERN RAILROADS

Illinois Terminal Company and Glass Company Violate Law.

QUINCY, Ill., Sept. 12.—The Federal grand jury here today returned joint indictments against the Illinois Terminal Railway Company and the Illinois Glass Company, charging the latter with illegal frauds in transcontinental shipments. It is alleged that the railway company received through shipments from the Indiana glass belt and that cars were sent out by it at the glass works at Alto. The glass works took out glass bottle and glass stock and then reloaded cars with their own shipments, consigning the cars to the Pacific Coast and in this way benefited eleven cents a hundred at the expense of Western railroads.

These are the first cases of the kind brought before the Interstate Commerce Commission and much importance is attached to the outcome. The matter was presented to the grand jury by E. J. Johnson, of Washington, attorney for the Interstate Commerce Commission.

BUSY, SAYS PRESIDENT

Chief Executive's Main Interest Is in Having Taft Elected.

OYSTER BAY, Sept. 12.—President Roosevelt took time this afternoon to spend an hour at a garden party and fair given at John A. Weeks' country home, "Tranquillity," for the benefit of the Nassau Hospital at Mineola, L. I. With his son, Theodore, he rode down from Sagamore Hill dressed in khaki, and soon he was mingling with the many society people present. Some one remarked to him that it was very good of him to come to the fair at a time when he must be a very busy man. To this he replied: "I am very busy now. My main interest at present is in getting Mr. Taft elected. When that is done, I'll get through with my job as President. Then I'll turn my attention to Africa."

SHIPS WILL SAIL IN AIR

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mobile most in use. It will not supply other forms of automobiles until provision is made for renewing the storage batteries at convenient places. But in the cities where electric energy may be had cheaply and easily, the electric car will do the work of truck horses and in general furnish transportation for the people. Within a few years, it would say, not to exceed twenty, the transcontinental railroads will run their trains

from the Rocky mountains to Seattle with electricity. The great water power in Washington state, which is now practically wasted, will be utilized and when the waterfalls are harnessed, trains will be run much cheaper than at present.

Must Substitute for Coal.

"Some day the world will be without coal if the improvident use of it continues. Unless scientists invent a substitute, the world will be cold and dark. It is a question that the world must shortly face. Here in Washington, the people need not feel alarmed over the fuel question. The numerous mountain streams will furnish electric power, heat and light. Fortunately the tendency is toward the use of electricity produced by waterfalls and toward economy in the use of coal.

Mr. Edison, his wife and daughter, today left for Portland where they will remain a day or two. From Portland the party will go to Salt Lake and will return East by easy stages. "There were hundreds of curious persons at the hotel to see the 'wizard.' Among those who sought to engage him in conversation, were inventors, men with ideas who wanted advice. To all of them, he replied that he had finished with inventions and that he was not interested."

BOMB SENT TO GOVERNOR

POSTOFFICE MEN DISCOVER NEW JERSEY PLOT.

Package of Unusual Shape Contains Quantity of Powder and Bullets, Besides Some Matches.

SEAGIRT, N. J., Sept. 12.—An attempt to assassinate Governor Fort, of New Jersey, has been thwarted by the watchfulness of postoffice employees, who discovered in the mails an infernal machine addressed to the Governor. The package was a cleverly contrived device, which had been so arranged that had the Governor opened it in the ordinary way, there is little doubt it would have killed him.

Several days ago when a package of unusual shape was found to bear insufficient postage, it was taken by a clerk to one of the postal inspectors. The inspector became more impressed by the shape and condition of the package than by the shortage of stamps, and at once wrote the Governor, informing him that a package of suspicious appearance, addressed to him, was being held at the office. The inspector asked for permission to open it without forwarding it to its destination.

The permission was given at once. Examining the greatest care, the inspector and his assistants removed the wrappings from the package, to find that their worst fears were confirmed. It was a real infernal machine, crude, but so cleverly constructed that it was capable of doing tremendous damage. It contained a quantity of powder and bullets with matches so arranged that a grimacing human figure would have set off the powder and hurled the bullets in all directions.

That the sender of the machine had a grudge against the Governor was evident from an examination of the contents of the package. On a bit of paper he had written a message to the Governor, which read:

"Please notify us promptly of any change in your postoffice address. The package was mailed August 25, the day after Governor Fort issued his proclamation regarding the sale of liquor on Sunday in Atlantic City. The device was contained in an ordinary 2-cent Government envelope, and the Philadelphia authorities had their attention attracted to it because its weight required the placing of a 2-cent 'due' stamp on it.

MAINE'S BIG FIGHT ENDS

BOTH PARTIES CLAIM VICTORY AFTER CAMPAIGN.

Republicans and Democrats Contend Alike That They Are Victors in Election.

AUGUSTA, Me., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The state campaign, which has been the most bitterly contested in years, closed tonight with both parties holding specks in every county in the state. Both parties claim victory. Chairman Boyd, of the Republican committee, said today: "I believe Roger M. Pennington will be elected Governor by 15,000 majority. I will also say that the Republicans will elect 25 out of the 31 members of the next Senate, and that the lower branch of the Legislature will be overwhelmingly Republican."

Fred E. Beane, chairman of the Democratic State Committee, said: "I honestly believe that Oakes Gardner, of Rockland, the Democratic nominee for Governor, will win in the election Monday. If Mr. Gardner gets 70,000 votes, as I believe he will from the information I have received, he will be elected. I have letters showing that thousands of Republicans who have never voted any other ticket will cast their lot with the Democratic party this year."

GETS JOB BEFORE ELECTED

J. D. Hinkle Succeeds Judge Poindexter on Spokane Bench.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Governor Mead today announced the appointment of Judge John D. Hinkle to be Judge of the Superior Court of Spokane County to succeed Judge Miles Poindexter, candidate for Congressman from the Third district, who has tendered his resignation from the bench to take effect Monday morning. The newly appointed judge was nominated under the non-partisan judicial primaries at Spokane. Judge of Spokane and would therefore, conceding his election, take office for the regular term next January. He was recommended for appointment by Judges Henry L. Keenan, E. H. Sullivan and William A. Huneke. He is a Republican.

INQUIRES ABOUT HUSBAND

Wife of Man Accused of Rustin Murder May Return.

OMAHA, Sept. 12.—A letter has been received by the Davis family from Mrs. Charles E. Davis in California inquiring about the troubles of her husband who is accused of the murder of Dr. Frederick Rustin, and indicating that she would come to Omaha if necessary. The family refuses to divulge her California address. She has been separated from her husband seven years.

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STRAUS TO SPEAK IN TAFT'S BEHALF

Secretary of Commerce and Labor Plans Numerous Addresses.

PERIL IN BRYAN DOCTRINE

Cabinet Member Commends Work Done by Powderly and His Atti- tude Regarding Participation In Politics.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 12.—After an extended conference with Judge Taft today, Secretary Oscar S. Straus, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, said he will take the stump for the Republican ticket and make as many speeches as the duties of his office will permit. He is to speak in New York, Chicago and perhaps other cities, and will dwell particularly on the labor issue in the campaign.

With Secretary Straus was T. V. Powderly, at the head of the bureau of information and distribution of the Immigration Service, who is here to establish a receiving center for the application of farmers for agricultural laborers, the supply of which Mr. Powderly will arrange for from the incoming immigrants.

After the conference Secretary Straus gave an intimation as to the character of the speeches he will make by saying: "General Welfare of the Aim."

"I was once a Cleveland Democrat and I am proud of it. I believed then, and until my dying day shall advocate that the highest aim of popular government is not to multiply millionaires, but to promote the welfare and happiness of the millions. And when the party to which I belonged was misled by Bryanism, I became an advocate and follower of Mr. McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft. "Shall the people rule?" Mr. Straus declared to be the most dangerous of Bryan fallacies, "for every one of his leading doctrines is a denial of that rule."

"Government ownership of railroads," he added, "would mean adding a thousand million dollars to the country's debt and increasing the number of Government officials by 1,000,000. Is it democratic? No, it is the Russian form of government."

As to the guaranty of bank deposits, Mr. Straus said it was equivalent to the Government's guaranteeing the loans of the banks.

"The real attitude of Judge Taft toward labor," Mr. Straus said, "was shown when the Philippines were taken from the Philippines. He pardoned Reyes, who federated the islands for union labor," continued Mr. Straus. "Under an old Spanish law, Reyes was convicted of a conspiracy to raise wages and sentenced to serve four years in prison. In pardoning Reyes, Judge Taft said:

"I do not think the statute as construed is in accordance with American practice. I shall pardon Reyes and remit what remains of his sentence."

Secretary Straus in regretting the loss by death of Frank P. Sargent, Commissioner of Immigration, commended the work of Mr. Powderly, and remarked, "I have the son of Mr. Sargent in the station of printing and he is there purely on his merits."

Labor Well Organized.

Mr. Powderly deplored the projecting of labor organizations into politics. He said: "Labor was never better organized, better paid, more independent, or more respected than it is today."

Mrs. Martha Egan, of Manila, who has recently arrived in the United States as the accredited agent of the public organizations of the Philippine islands, said: "I believe that the greatest work that has been done in the Philippines under Judge Taft and that is still continuing; to let it be known that the Filipinos realize that self-government would mean the destruction of the public confidence so necessary to a continuance of the splendid developments which the islands have enjoyed since American intervention. I am here to make it clear to the American people that not only is this the true public sentiment in the Philippines but also to convey the feeling of gratitude which the Filipinos entertain toward the people of this country."

RACING ENDS AT MEADOWS

New World Record Established in Mile and Sixteenth.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The seventh annual race meeting at the Meadows closed today with a card of seven races, of which the feature, the Alaska handicap went to Green Seal, who covered the mile and a sixteenth in 1:24 2/5, a new world's record or the third time such an announcement was made at the local course this meeting. In a trial at reducing the track record

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