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GEN. WOOD'S NEWS BUREAU

Cuban Associated Press Correspondent an ex-Convict From Florida.

WAS AFTERWARD SENT TO THE PHILIPPINES.

Story Told by Melville Stone Before Committee Investigating General Wood—Claims He Did Not Know of Bellairs' Bad Record Until the Present Year—Bellairs Was Wood's "Stand-in" With the Press.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The first witness this morning before the senate military committee in the Wood case was Melville Stone, general manager of the Associated Press. He was called upon to relate the circumstances connected with the employment by the Associated Press of Edgar Bellairs to such an important place as correspondent in Cuba, and such action being taken after it became known he had been a convict in the Florida penitentiary.

Bellairs, through the position, got on intimate terms with Wood, Wood's opponents claim he had knowledge of Bellairs' past history long before the intimacy came to an end.

Stone testified that Assistant-General Manager Associated Press Diehls had received a letter in December, 1899, from Runcie in behalf of Wood, suggesting that Bellairs be retained as correspondent. Acting upon this letter, Bellairs was kept in Cuba some time, and afterward sent to the Philippines as Associated Press correspondent.

Stone admitted that not until some time this year did he learn anything about Bellairs' previous character, reputation or vices.

Stone subsequently sent a man to the Philippines to take Bellairs' place. Colonel Diehls immediately was summoned as a witness to substantiate Stone's statements and give his personal knowledge of the affair.

RECEIVERS AT ZION.

They Will Retain Dowie as Manager of the Various Industries.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Zion city is nearly normal this morning. Faith in Dowie's ability to raise the coin is still good.

Employees of the lace mills and other industries accept trade orders on stores in payment of wages. There is a great rush at the stores despite the banks remaining closed.

IRELAND STILL GOING DOWN.

Net Loss in Population Last Year Sixteen Thousand.

London, Dec. 3.—Ireland is a country which still loses thousands of its natural increase of population by emigration, in which more boys are born than girls, and the most fatal epidemic is influenza.

ing 24,187, and the loss by emigration amounting to 40,180, there was a decrease in population during the year of 16,003, less whatever immigration there was, of which no record is kept.

TORPEDO BOATS IN DANGER.

Possibility of the Adzer and Moccasin Being Lost.

Norfolk, Dec. 3.—A terrific storm raged on the Atlantic coast today. The government submarine torpedo boat Moccasin is in distress three miles off shore. The submarine boat Adzer, standing by, apparently under control, the gunboat Porpoise is trying for the Moccasin. Lifesavers at the station are waiting for the sea to subside when they will go to the rescue.

Standing Relief.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The navy department has ordered the Yankton to Cape Henry to aid the Moccasin and Adzer.

DEFEAT MORGAN.

Famous Financier Accused of Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses.

New York, Dec. 3.—It is reported on the street a new suit will be brought against the United States Shipbuilding Company, in which J. Pierpont Morgan will be named among the defendants by an interior manufacturer who alleges he invested \$50,000 on Morgan's prospectus, which made false statements, thereby obtaining money under false pretenses. A note of suit will probably be filed in a few days.

TRAIN BLOWN UP.

Fifteen Cars, an Engine and Two Men Destroyed.

Dover, Del., Dec. 3.—A dynamite train exploded at Greenwood near here today, and destroyed 15 cars and an engine. No persons were injured, although the shock was felt for a radius of 30 miles.

Later—Two trainmen were killed.

AFTER SENATOR SMOOT'S SCALP

FIGHT UNDER AUSPICES

UNION OF WOMAN'S CLUBS.

Residents of Salt Lake City Are Leading the Fight, Claiming to Have Documentary Evidence—They Declare the Issue is More Momentous Than That Which Refused Roberts a Seat in the House.

Washington, Dec. 3.—A meeting of women's clubs and others opposed to seating Senator Smoot, took place this morning in the Church of the Covenant.

Resolutions of protest were adopted for transmission to the senate. Among those making addresses were D. Sarah Elliott, of the Woman's Council, a former resident of Salt Lake, now living in Philadelphia; Mrs. Charles Owen, of Utah, of the American Bureau of Information.

Charles Owen, who is a civil engineer and resident for 20 years of Salt Lake, visited the meeting. He is provided with a quantity of documents which he claims to have secured from Smoot's opponents in the senate. Owen claims the fight is so bitter that Smoot's recognition means a great calamity to Utah. He declares the contest is a matter of life and death to Roberts, who was refused a seat in congress.

MAY BE SOLD UNDER AN OVERDUE MORTGAGE.

Philadelphia Creditors May Foreclose to Secure Loan of Over Five Million Dollars—Trying to Raise Three Million by Assessment—Result in Doubt.

New York, Dec. 3.—Uncertainty hangs over the future of the \$100,000,000 Consolidated Lake Superior Company, which is being sold by Philadelphia. Its fate is now in the hands of Speyer & Co., bankers of what it would cost to make further claims.

Colonel J. H. Railey then took the stand. He was reported to have been in conversation with Thompson when Railey engaged the latter in conversation. Colonel Railey did not remember the incident.

Regarding a talk with Cunningham in the saloon office, Thompson said that Cunningham remarked that "I ought to pass the hold-up claims, for we had always been friends."

"I informed him that I would not pass my own brother's proots under the circumstances. Cunningham remarked: 'If you are going into that office and, after I helped get you in, you will be sorry you ever got the place.'"

"I told him he could go straight to hell, and walked out."

New York, who have the right to sell the property under foreclosure procedure in a few days, what course the inability of the corporation to pay off a loan of \$5,000,000.

A lengthy conference has just been held here between counsel for both interests, and the Speyer representatives stated at its conclusion that they will notify the reorganization committee in a few days what course the banking house will pursue.

The time for making payment of the \$1 assessment on the bank stock of the consolidated company, which would have yielded \$2,000,000 if all the stockholders had paid, expired yesterday. The result will be reported to the reorganization committee today.

It is said many who paid the first installment of the assessment declined to pay the second and third. They gave as their reason a belief that the plan would not become operative.

WILL PLEAD HYPNOTISM.

Held That Emil Roeski Is Victim of Another's Influence.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Emil Roeski, one of the car barn murderers, will plead hypnotism when placed on trial for his life. His attorney this morning announced he had the opinion of some experts about Roeski on the subject of hypnotism. They believe he had been and still is under a spell exerted by Peter Niedermeier, one of the gang.

Roeski is a passive, full-witted degenerate, 18 years old.

MAFIA IN PHILADELPHIA.

Fifteen Italians Admit Existence of Organization.

Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—Fifteen Italians have been arrested for sending threatening blackmailing letters to Italian merchants in this city. When arraigned today one admitted that he was a member of the mafia, which is a combination. Other branches exist in several large eastern cities. They were held in \$1,000 bail each for conspiracy and carrying concealed weapons.

OPERATORS MUST CONCEDE.

Prospects and Terms of Settlement in Colorado Coal Field.

Trinidad, Col., Dec. 3.—It is generally understood today that Mitchell and the mine leaders have agreed that the operators must concede the selection of pit bosses and camp physicians, otherwise the strike will be made general over Colorado.

SMALLER CROP.

This Year's Output of Cotton Less Than Last Year.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The department of agricultural estimates this morning announced that the cotton crop of 1903 was 1,000,000 bales less than last year.

Trial of Daniel Meyers.

New York, Dec. 3.—The trial of Daniel Meyers, formerly president of the Macabaitan Fire Insurance Company, for misappropriation of \$40,000, began before Recorder Goff today.

May Vindicate Dryfus.

Paris, Dec. 3.—The council of revision which will consider the arguments favoring a reversal of the sentence against Dryfus, held a sitting this afternoon which closed today.

Warship Grounded.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 3.—The British warship Flora went ashore this morning in a fog on Deermen Island. Damage unknown.

OLD COUPLE WERE FOOLY KILLED

MOTIVE OF CRIME WAS THE THEFT OF REALTY

Supposed Murderer Had Moved On the Premises Immediately After the Old Folks Disappeared—He Exhibits Deeds Supposed to Be Forged—His Suspected Victims Disappeared November 20.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 3.—Lue police this morning discovered the bodies of Franz Frehrs and his wife buried in a shed in the rear of their residence, from which they mysteriously disappeared November 20. Their skulls were crushed with a hammer, which was afterwards found in a shed.

T. G. HAILEY DESCRIBES STATUS OF THOMPSON CASE

Says That Charles Cunningham Made Advances to Thompson, But Was Ignored and Made Threats.

Portland, Or., Dec. 2.—"It is a pitiable thing that the court has listened to such testimony as this," said Judge C. B. Bellinger in the course of the trial of Asa H. Thompson, receiver of the land witness La Grande, this morning. Glen H. Sailing, one of the government's witnesses was on the stand and had just stated that when he made affidavit to his compliance with the regulations regarding his homestead proof, he was not aware of the questions and answers set forth in the paper.

Both Sailing and Sailing had both sworn that they had not resided on their land, had not built houses or fences and did not even know the exact location of the property. They identified their signatures to the proofs of their claims.

The witnesses declared they were not aware that they had taken an oath when they signed the affidavits. Turning to Sailing, Judge Bellinger said: "Don't you know whether you knew that you were sworn when you signed that affidavit?" Sailing shook his head.

"Will you say under oath that you know whether or not you are committing perjury?" was the next question. After a moment's silence the witness replied that he did not know what he was doing.

Both Sailing and O'Hara swore they heard Thompson sell Asa Rayburn that it would require \$50 each for a favorable decision regarding their hold-up claims, and that the receiver would pay the balance of the money for himself, but for Edward Bartlett and someone else, the name they did not remember.

Mr. Sailing said Cunningham furnished the money with which they made their entries, and that there was an understanding that the sheepman was to take a mortgage on the property after their titles had been established.

The only other witness called this morning was Joe H. Parkes, of Pendleton, a real estate dealer, who also conducts an abstract office.

Parkes' testimony consisted mainly of the denial of statements as to the money which Cunningham had paid for the claims. Parkes admitted making inquiries concerning the claims of Sailing and the rest, at the La Grande office, but denied seeing the place for the express purpose of seeing about their hold-up claims.

The court room is crowded. The federal grand jury convened in Portland October 24 indicted Thompson upon three counts. He is charged with asking Charles Cunningham, a sheepman, to pay \$50 apiece for favorable decisions on the final homestead proof of Mark Shackelford, Shelby Jones, Kate James, Charles Walker, Ethel Thompson and Ora Hamilton, and to receive in return \$1,000 from Glen H. Sailing and Dallas O'Hara for favorable decisions regarding their proofs.

The homestead upon which the bribe is alleged to have been paid is located in the neighborhood of Pilot Rock, Or.

Witnesses who testified before the grand jury are: Charles Cunningham, Bill to Limit Grazing.

Fixes Heavy Penalty for Forest Reserve Trespass.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Secretary Hitchcock has sent to congress a draft of a bill authorizing a stricter control of grazing on forest reserves. The bill imposes a fine of not to exceed \$1,000 or imprisonment for not longer than one year, or both, upon all persons who knowingly pasture any livestock on public lands without first obtaining permission from the secretary of the interior.

Secretary Hitchcock, in his letter of transmittal, says the proper control of grazing in the reserves demands that there shall be no overgrazing and expresses the opinion that legislation he recommends should be promptly enacted to check an abuse that is becoming general in a number of states.

DESTRUCTION OF SALMON.

Taken from the River and Thrown Away.

Canyon City, Dec. 1.—On the public highway a short distance east of John Day are to be seen fifteen or twenty salmon that were left there only a few days ago.

The occasion for thus handling so good a fish as the salmon after having gone to the trouble to catch them is not understood, unless the one, who caught them suspected the presence of a deputy fish warden in this vicinity.

Buy a good, clever hen, and she may lay the foundation of your fortune.

EARL OF STAIR DEAD.

Aged and Eminent Scotch Financier and Educator.

London, Dec. 3.—The Earl of Stair is dead at Castle Kennedy. He was widely known as Lord Lieutenant of Wigtownshire since 1870, and also of Ayrshire since 1876. He was chairman of the Bank of Scotland, and chancellor of Glasgow University. He was born in 1819.

CHILI SELLS WARSHIPS.

Japan Outbid Russia Several Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Glasgow, Dec. 2.—It is authoritatively stated this morning that Chili has sold the newly constructed battleships Libertad and Constitution to Japan for \$5,000,000, being several hundred thousand higher than the price offered by Russia.

Mark Shackelford, Dallas O'Hara, A. Harburn and Glen H. Sailing.

The Jury.

This jury was selected to try Thompson: Horace Nicholson, Modford, Jackson county; W. A. Taylor, Hinglee, Portland county; Charles Hinglee, Portland; D. B. Troutman, Tallman, Lincoln county; Charles N. Gable, St. Helens, Columbia county; W. R. South, La Grange, Lincoln county; William Shivers, Portland; James Hamer, Brownsville, Linn county; W. L. Smith, Wasco, Sherman county; T. B. Churchman, Sheridan, Yamhill county; C. Tystrup, Redville, Washington county; J. K. Fisher, Halsey, Baker county.

Jurors Refused.

The jurors challenged were: M. G. Edwards, Dundee, Yamhill county; R. K. Ricketts, Polk county; J. M. Duncan, Nyssa, Malheur county; R. H. Graves, Gresham, Multnomah county; J. B. Johnson, Portland; E. L. Barnett, Athena, Umatilla county; John P. Cole, Barlow, Clackamas county.

Mr. Hailey, in opening the case for the defense, spoke of the good character and excellent reputation borne by Mr. Thompson, who, he said, was born and reared in Umatilla county, came from one of the oldest pioneer families in the state and had married into another.

"He draws a salary of \$3,000 a year as receiver of the land office," said the attorney, "and besides that he owns several hundred head of stock and has a large amount of valuable land. There is no motive as to why he should demand a petty price for favorable passage upon the homestead proofs."

"It was Cunningham who approached Thompson, not Thompson who went to Cunningham. Cunningham asked why the proofs had not been passed and why Thompson informed him that the applicants had not fulfilled the requirements of the law. Cunningham exclaimed:

"If you don't know any better than to let me know after you have got into this position, I will make you wish you had never been in the office."

It was Thompson who was indignant and who walked away from Cunningham as we will prove. Ask any one in Pendleton or Umatilla county and you will know the truth. It is Charles Cunningham who has insulted by a thing like that."

Mr. Hailey went on to say that before the grand jury had been expected to prove that every cent of money used in the proving upon the land held by O'Hara, Sailing and the other applicants had not been put up by Cunningham; that the sheepowner desired the land to add to the thousands of acres he already owned, and that Cunningham has had from 1,000 to 500 sheep grazing on each claim in question.

"It will be for you to say how Cunningham got the other thousands of acres," he said, "and how he got into this position. I will make you wish you had never been in the office."

Review of the Case.

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PANAMA RATIFIES.

Canal Treaty Now Awaits Washington's Reinforcement.

Panama, Dec. 2.—The junta this morning signed the Panama treaty without amendment. There is great satisfaction among the people. The treaty will be returned to Washington immediately, where it should arrive Monday.

Ratification Expected.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Mr. Cullom, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs after a long consultation with Roosevelt, said he believed the senate would take up the Panama treaty immediately, when received Monday or Tuesday, and ratify it without delay.

PLAGUE OF TYPHOID.

Beaver River Found to Be the Source of Infection.

Butler, Pa., Dec. 2.—Sixty nurses arrived in a special car from Philadelphia this morning and nearly 100 physicians are here now. The typhoid has been traced to Beaver River, which the city takes its water supply. Health bulletins have been sent to all towns along the river. The physicians say there will probably be not less than 3,000 cases before the epidemic ends.

RUN DOWN A GANG.

Special Train Carrying Railroad Officials Kills Three.

Mahony City, Pa., Dec. 2.—An engine and private car carrying Philadelphia & Reading officials this forenoon, in a fog, mowed through a gang of trackmen near Gilbertston, killing one and fatally injuring two. A special brought the injured to a hospital here.

MURDER IN CALIFORNIA.

Both Men Drinking, But There Had Been No Quarrel.

Dunsmuir, Cal., Dec. 2.—C. J. McKee, a gambler, shot and killed John Inhoff last night while drinking. McKee was charged with murder. There was no quarrel, McKee tried to commit suicide in jail after being taken in custody. There is fear of lynching.

CHOLERA IN JAPAN.

All Vessels From That Country Will Be Rigidly Quarantined.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Reports about an epidemic of cholera has broken out at Nagasaki, Japan. Orders are issued for rigorous quarantine, disinfecting and inspecting all vessels from Japan.

New Battleship.

Newport News, Dec. 2.—The new battleship Missouri was placed in commission today.

SHIPPING MINERS

WYOMING MINES BEING FILLED WITH NORTHERN MEN

Agents of Coal Magnates Quietly Sending Scores of British Columbia Miners to Colorado and Wyoming—Clandestine Movements of the Agents—Filling Strikers' Places.

UNIVERSITY BURNED.

Priests, Teachers, Students and Domestic Jump From Fifth Story.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 2.—Ottawa University was completely destroyed by fire this morning. It is a Roman Catholic institution. Loss, \$1,500,000. Although many students jumped from the fifth story, none were injured. Father Boyon was probably fatally injured in jumping from the fifth story. He fell on a veranda. Father Philham landed on his side in the fourth story and was seriously injured. An aged woman servant was badly hurt in jumping from the fifth story. Another domestic, Miss Daniels, was badly burned.

SERBIA'S MILITARY BILL.

Minister of War Asks for the Heaviest Appropriation in Her History.

Belgrade, Dec. 2.—It is ascertained that the minister of war's budget for coming this season will be the heaviest in the history of Serbia. A bill for the purchase of the most modern quick-firing guns and ammunition.

DUEL IN KENTUCKY.

One Killed and One Fatally Wounded on the Streets.

Chillicothe, Ky., Dec. 2.—Henry Gray and Louis Skaggs fought a pistol duel on the streets this morning. Gray was fatally killed and Skaggs mortally wounded.

LIVING IS HIGHER

COST HAS INCREASED OVER 16 PER CENT IN A YEAR

Wages Not Increasing in Proportion to Living Expenses—Food for Laborers' Family Cost \$18 More in 1902 Than for Any Year Since 1889.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The investigation made by D. Wright, of the United States commission of labor, into the high cost of living which now prevails throughout the country, will interest many people, especially Governor La Follette, of Wisconsin. The Badger state's governor, although a Republican, is a member of the best of such rock-ribbed and resolute members of the party as Senator John Spooner, Postmaster General Henry C. Payne and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Horace A. Taylor. Mr. Taylor especially will be highly indignant recently when La Follette went up and down the state making public speeches, in which he declared that while the rate of wages had advanced somewhat since 1896, the cost of living had advanced in a vastly greater ratio.

Mr. Wright's investigations will make "mighty interesting reading" for the governor. In these investigations, which will soon be published in full by the department of commerce, Mr. Wright does not go into the question of wages, but he does show that the cost of food has increased by 16.1 per cent since 1896. This food is based on data collected not later than 1902.

Mr. Wright says—and he is a dispassionate investigator, unaffected by politics, that the average cost of living in this country in the United States in 1896 was \$296.76. More were workingmen's families. More over the figures are based on accurate data obtained from 2,567 separate households. In 1902 the average cost per family per year had advanced to \$344.61. The year 1896 was the year of low prices, although it was also a year of low wages, although everybody knows, although Mr. Wright's report doesn't say so.

In 1896 the average cost of living for each of 80 families in Western Pennsylvania was \$287.84. In the same state in 1902 the same number of families spent an average of \$322.43 for food. The cost of living in Western states each year from 1890 to 1902, inclusive, throughout that period it is noticeable that the average cost of living in every year subsequent to 1892 was smaller than in the previous year, than in the United States as a whole. In 1890 and 1891 the cost in the Western states was slightly larger.

The food of workingmen's families cost more in 1902 by at least \$15 per year than in any year since 1889. For the last six years the cost has stood at a level higher than the average power of the people has increased also. No data are available, of course, for 1903.

ISLE OF PINES.

Pennsylvania Capitalists Insist Upon American Ownership.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, talked with the president this morning relative to the proposed treaty ceding the Isle of Pines to Cuba. Penrose represents Pennsylvania capitalists who are proponents because they own heavy interests in that territory and want American ownership. If the treaty is ratified they will attempt to have congress reserve certain commercial concessions.

WOOD AT HEPPNER.

Many Hundred Cords of Wreckage Now Being Piled Up and Sold for Fuel.

OREGON'S LABOR COMMISSIONER

O. P. Hoff, First Commissioner of the State, Visits Eastern Oregon.

IS GATHERING DATA FOR A VOLUMINOUS REPORT.

First Report on Oregon Industrial Conditions Will Be Thorough and Complete—Every Industry Will Be Classified and Its Surrounding Conditions Given in Detail—Visits Union, Baker, Malheur and Walla Walla Counties.

O. P. Hoff, Oregon's first labor commissioner, arrived in the city last evening on a tour of inspection and acquaintance-making, through Eastern Oregon.

Hoff has visited most of the cities and localities in the Western portion of the state, and will now familiarize himself with the conditions in Eastern Oregon counties.

He expressed the sentiment this morning that Oregonians do not know or appreciate the magnitude of the state until they get out and travel from one end of it to the other, especially in a single county. He has just come in from a trip into Morrow, Gilliam and Sherman counties, and found that all the mud in Oregon is not confined to the provincial west end of the Willamette valley, but that Central Oregon has her share of this article, but he rejoiced to think that all good soil makes mud, and that it is no disgrace to the country to see wagon stuck in mud holes in real estate worth \$60 per acre.

Mr. Hoff spent the day in Pendleton getting acquainted with the different industries, and getting to touch with the labor situation here. He is gathering data, and laying the foundation for the first report on labor conditions and statistics ever authorized by the state of Oregon, and fully appreciates the enormity of his work. This visit is more of a preliminary nature, one in which he is acquainted with the owners of the industries, and the leaders in the labor organizations, of Eastern Oregon, in order to get the complete information for his report later on.

Will Report Every Phase.

Mr. Hoff will go to the bottom of the work assigned him by the law regarding the commissioner of labor for Oregon, and he expects to see with the labor situation here. He is gathering data, and laying the foundation for the first report on labor conditions and statistics ever authorized by the state of Oregon, and fully appreciates the enormity of his work. This visit is more of a preliminary nature, one in which he is acquainted with the owners of the industries, and the leaders in the labor organizations, of Eastern Oregon, in order to get the complete information for his report later on.

Each individual industry in the state will be classified and the minutest details concerning each will be given in full, in order that the outside world and the people of the state may know the exact status of every industry and those employed in each