

DETECTIVE ON STAND

Says He Was Employed to Watch Heney and His Men.

LAWYERS ENGAGE IN HOT ROW

Evidence Involves Names of Several Identified With San Francisco Graft Defense.

San Francisco, May 20.—Into the trial of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads, there was injected late yesterday an extraordinary chapter dealing with the uses and methods of detectives. John Helms, at one time the head of a private detective bureau in this city, narrated in detail, as a witness for the prosecution, the secrets he claims to have learned during his term of employment as an agent of the United Railroads. His testimony, which relates to an early period in the history of the graft prosecution, already involves the names of several persons more or less prominently identified with the defense, and there is a promise of more revelations when he resumes the stand today.

Helms testified that he had come to this city in response to a request by Attorney Louis Hoeffler early in May, 1907, at which time the first trial of Tiley L. Ford, counsel for the United Railroads, had been commenced. Mr. Hoeffler, he said, instructed him to watch everything done by the prosecution and report the information so gathered. Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney attempted to learn what persons were shadowed by Helms, but the court sustained an objection.

H. H. ROGERS DEAD.

Was Active Lieutenant of Rockefeller in Standard Oil.

New York, May 20.—Henry H. Rogers, vice president of the Standard Oil company, moving spirit in the organization of the Amalgamated Copper company, builder of railroads and philanthropist, died at his home here yesterday, of apoplexy.

Death came a little more than an hour after Mr. Rogers had risen for the day, mentioning to his wife that he was feeling ill. Mr. Rogers was 69 years old.

Mr. Rogers had been in poor health since he suffered an apoplectic stroke in 1907, and was almost constantly under a physician's care. His death, however, was a great shock to his family and business associates, as Tuesday and Tuesday evening he was cheerful and apparently normal.

MAY OUST MEHEMMED.

Young Turks Plan to Alter Succession Rule to Throne.

Constantinople, May 20.—If legislation favored by the Young Turks meets the approval of the parliament, the time honored Turkish law of succession to the throne may be annulled.

According to the present law, on the death of the monarch the crown goes to the senior descendant of the founder of the dynasty. This procedure almost invariably results in the raising to power of an elderly or failing man. The Young Turks want young, energetic and virile rulers. They want adopted the general European law of succession that provides for the coronation of the senior son of the former monarch.

Heavy Cherry Shipments.

Stockton, Cal., May 20.—Immense quantities of black tartarian cherries are being shipped to the East from Northern San Joaquin county orchards and growers throughout the valley are reaping large profits. The fruit this year is of excellent quality and the crop is unusually heavy. The tartarian crop probably will be exhausted within 10 days, but at the end of that time the Royal Anns will be ready for shipment. The present fancy prices are expected to hold for at least a week.

To Prevent Tuberculosis.

Hamilton, Ont., May 20.—With an attendance of medical men, health officers and other representatives of the chief cities of the dominion, the ninth annual meeting of the Canadian association for the prevention of consumption assembled in this city today for a two day's session. At the afternoon session the principal feature was an address by Dr. White, of Pittsburgh, on "The Duty of Municipalities in Reference to Tuberculosis."

Fall 350 Feet, Still Live.

Reno, Nev., May 20.—One man suffered a fracture of a leg, while two companions were only slightly bruised and shaken when a lift in the shaft of the Quartzette mine broke today about 10 feet from the opening, precipitating the three miners to the bottom, 350 feet below. Twelve feet of water in the bottom of the mine prevented all three from being killed.

ROADS BLOCK SPOKANE.

Will Appeal for Rehearing in Recent Rate Decision.

Spokane, Wash., May 21.—Information comes direct from Washington today that the further plan of the railroads is to prevent final determination of the rate questions involved until after the members of the commission separate for the summer.

The further plan is outlined that immediately after the Spokane jobbers file supplemental petition asking that the commission disapprove of the rates which have been filed with it by the railways, the railway companies will petition for a rehearing on all the questions which have been presented and decided by the commission.

In the meantime it is predicted the schedule of rates submitted to the commission will be published by the railroad companies and will become effective rates until the question can be once more brought before the commission and argued.

The representatives of the railroad companies expect that the Interstate Commerce commission will order that the rates established by the commission in the rate case will not become effective until after the hearing on the petition for a reopening of the case, and it is clear that if a rehearing is granted Spokane will have to accept the schedule of rates as presented by the railroads until after the final determination of the rehearing.

COWBOYS ATTACK HERDERS

Sheepmen Are Injured and 3,000 of Their Flocks Killed.

Grand Junction, Colo., May 21.—As a result of a battle between sheepmen and cowboys on a contested range near Atchee, Colo., yesterday 3,000 head of sheep were killed and two sheepmen were injured. The sheep, which belonged to S. A. Taylor and R. A. Tawney, were grazing on a range near the hamlet of Carbinero.

It appears that the cowboys dashed in upon the herders and tied them to trees, and then rode out and killed the sheep. They first cut the telephone wires. Several hours later the sheep herders were liberated.

The authorities of Garfield county have been notified, but it is not believed the cowboys will be captured. The range in which the crime was committed has long been a contested one, and several murders have resulted from quarrels over it.

Warrants have been issued by the authorities of both Mesa and Garfield counties for the arrest of 16 raiders, several of whom are said to be known to the sheepmen.

Late tonight the sheepmen in this section of the state arranged for a mass meeting, at which substantial rewards will be offered for the arrest and conviction of the raiders.

NEW GRAIN ROAD.

Hill Announces New Branch Line Into Wheat Belt.

Seattle, May 21.—Great Northern railroad officials announced today that a branch line of the road would be built from Wilson Creek south to Connell, the junction of the Northern Pacific and the Oregon Railway & Navigation company. The move is one that has been projected by the Hill lines for years, and is said in the local offices to mark the first step in the contest for Eastern Washington territory between the Hill and Milwaukee interests.

The branch line, as planned, will depart from the main line at Wilson Creek and will follow the Crab creek valley until it swings off to the east of Moses lake, traversing the low country east of the Saddle mountains and connecting with the Northern Pacific main line at Connell.

The branch line, which affords a new outlet for the wheat farmers of Grant and Douglas counties, Washington, will be continued ultimately from Connell to connect with the North Bank line below Pasco, securing a water grade for wheat trains from the fields to Portland.

Halibut Trust Planned.

Tacoma, Wash., May 21.—Dissatisfied with the low prices the fisheries companies are paying for halibut, the owners of the Puget sound fishing boats are planning to form a combination and to establish a joint fisheries company, with headquarters in Tacoma and agencies throughout the East. While the retail price of halibut is said by the fishermen to be about the same, they are only getting from 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 cents at the fisheries companies. With the forming of the combination they would get from 8 to 10 cents.

Anaconda Shows Loss.

New York, May 21.—The annual report of the Anaconda Copper Mining company for the year ending December 31, last, issued today, shows that during the first six months of the year 1908 the company suffered an actual loss, owing to the shutdown of operations in January and February of that year. The income for the year was \$15,604,482, a decrease of \$5,146,652 from 1907. The expenses were \$14,658,519, a decrease of \$944,842.

Salvation Army Convenes.

Chicago, May 21.—Four hundred members of the Salvation Army were in attendance at the national congress of the Western America district, which opened a five days' meeting here today. Commander Eva Booth addressed the congress.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

ROAD FRANCHISE SECURED.

Eastern Capitalists Said to Be Interested in Coos Bay Project.

Marshfield.—The terms of the franchise granted to J. H. Somers and J. F. Clark for an electric railroad on the county roads have been made public. The commissioners have given them the privilege of choosing between the road from Myrtle Point to Roseburg or the Coos bay wagon road from Sumner to Myrtle Point. The franchise provides that those receiving the franchise must select one of the two routes and begin work of construction within six months and have half of the line completed within eighteen months, and all completed within Coos county in two years.

The same parties promoted the efforts of the Coquille Mill & Mercantile company at Coquille in securing a franchise for a road through that city. Somers and Clark have not yet divulged their plans further than to state that outside capital will be interested.

TROUBLE OVER BOUNTY.

New Oregon Law Is Misunderstood in Umatilla County.

Pendleton.—From present indications there is to be much trouble relative to the payment of bounties on coyotes when the new law goes into effect. Though the new law does not operate until May 22, all coyotes killed since February 1 are subject to bounty. Hundreds of the destructive animals have been killed in this county since that date and the trouble is to come from these scalps.

Copies of the law have been received and it has been discovered for the first time that all four feet, as well as the scalp, must be attached to each hide, and it is this provision that has been disregarded by the killers. Though hundreds of hides are ready to be presented the day the law goes into effect, it is not believed that more than a score of them have the claws attached.

Rogue Bridged at Woodville.

Medford.—The court of Jackson county has ordered construction of a new steel bridge across the Rogue river at Woodville, below Gold Hill, which will open a large agricultural district adjacent to Woodville but across the river. The trade of this section has hitherto been diverted to Grants Pass but now the little city will get all of the trade of that section. A planing mill, a box factory and a brick yard have recently been added to the industries of Woodville and work has just started on a large brick schoolhouse.

Forest Made Into Orchard.

Grants Pass.—From the primitive forest to a field of 50 acres planted to thrifty pear trees, apple trees and Tokay grapes is a task that has just been accomplished by W. B. Sherman, of this place, within five weeks. Just a little over a month ago this same 50-acre tract was studded with pine, fir and underbrush. Today the improvements placed thereon have increased this property three-fold in value. The tract of land in question lies up the river near Tokay Heights, and is within plain view of town.

Two-Day Festival at Lebanon.

Lebanon.—The committee appointed by the Lebanon Business Men's league to make arrangements for the Lebanon strawberry fair has announced that Friday and Saturday, June 4 and 5, have been decided upon as the dates for this festival. The committee has invited the ladies of Lebanon and vicinity to join with them and have a rose festival at the time of the fair. It was also decided to hold a horse show at the same time. The horse exhibition will occur Saturday afternoon, June 5.

Complaints Against Rates.

Salem.—D. B. Chamberlen, of Cottage Grove, a poultry raiser, has filed an informal complaint with the railroad commission in which he charges that the rates on fancy poultry and eggs enforced by the Southern Pacific are prohibitive. M. C. Smith asks that the Southern Pacific be compelled to construct a small freight shed at Walker, a flag station on the Southern Pacific, toward the southern part of the state.

Presbyterians Plan Big Meet.

Interest in the Presbyterian Brotherhood convention in Portland June 8 and 9 is increasing. A banquet will be given the first night of the convention, the second day being devoted to addresses and conferences by leading laymen of the state. The convention will close the second evening with a mass meeting addressed by officers of the National Brotherhood.

Face Potato Famine.

Marshfield.—Coos county is facing a potato famine and it is expected that the prices will soar higher and reach the record mark in this locality. There are practically no old potatoes obtainable and dealers are offering as high as 2 cents a pound. The shortage is not confined to Coos county but the district in general is affected.

Willamette to Get Stadium.

Pendleton.—That Willamette university, at Salem, is soon to have the largest athletic stadium in the Northwest, and that it is sure to become the center for intercollegiate and interscholastic meets, is the statement given out here by President Homan, when in Pendleton recently.

WILL SPEND MILLIONS.

O. R. & N. Company Gives Out Plans for Extensive Improvements.

Salem.—According to evidence introduced before the commission in the Eastern Oregon grain rates investigation, the Oregon Railway & Navigation company contemplates the expenditure of more than \$3,500,000 during the next year, beginning June 1. Testimony to this effect was offered by the railroad company to show that a reduction of the rates at this time would be unfair.

The largest item in the detailed statement presented is that of the bridge across the Willamette river at Portland, for which plans have been perfected. This structure is to cost the railroad company \$1,250,000. The next largest item is for straightening the track and eliminating curves between The Dalles and Coyote, \$1,000,000.

The statement also includes the purchase of more depot ground at The Dalles at a cost of \$71,000; ground for and the construction of a roundhouse at Pendleton to cost a total of \$48,000; a new station and additional grounds at Baker City to cost \$38,000. The other items include straightening track and ballasting the main line and improving branch lines. The entire amount aggregates \$3,528,738.85.

The hearing is the final one in regard to the grain rates which have engaged so much of the time of the commission for the past 12 months. It will probably be some time before the result of the hearings will be known.

Buy Jackson Timber Road.

Medford.—With the sale of the Pacific & Eastern railroad to J. R. Allen, of New York, during the past week, the hopes of Southern Oregon residents that the road be extended to the timber belt northeast of this city above Butte Falls have risen tremendously, and realty values in the country along the line of the proposed extension have made a corresponding increase. It seems that at last the road is to be completed, and with its completion one of the largest standing timber belts in the Northwest, as yet untouched by the woodman's axe, will be made accessible.

Ontario Demands Action.

Ontario.—Protesting against the action of private interests who have filed on water rights in the Owyhee river without taking active steps to reclaim the land, representatives of the Commercial club, of Ontario, Weiser, Payette and Vale, met in this city and forwarded a petition to the Oregon and Idaho delegations in congress urging an early commencement of the Malheur irrigation project. There are approximately 145,000 acres of fertile land in this district.

Freewater Realty Active.

Freewater.—Sales of real estate have been active this week, Hall and Koris having sold 11 acres of alfalfa land at \$200 an acre for Nelson Allen to Miss Grundy, of Boston, Mass.; 40 acres of alfalfa land from Harry Badger to J. Adrain, for \$5,000, and nine acres of fruit land from W. F. Korta to J. J. Gauner at \$300 an acre. Fred Morely has sold his livery barn in Freewater to J. Usher, of Walla Walla. Fruit is looking good.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Fruits—Apples, 65c@\$.25 per box; strawberries, Oregon, 12 1/2c per pound. Potatoes—\$.17 1/2@.20 per hundred. Vegetables—Turnips, 1.25 per sack; carrots, 1.25; parsnips, 1.50; beets, 1.75; horseradish, 10c per pound; asparagus, Oregon, 75c@\$.1.25 per dozen; lettuce, head, 20@50c per dozen; onions, 12 1/2@15c per dozen; radishes, 15@20c per dozen; rhubarb, 2@3c per pound.

Wheat—Bluestem milling, \$1.30@1.35; club, \$1.20; valley, \$1.17; red Russian, \$1.17 1/2@1.20.

Corn—Whole, \$35 per ton; cracked, \$36 per ton.

Barley—Feed, \$34.50 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$41 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$18@20; clover, \$11@12; alfalfa, \$13@14; grain hay, \$13@14; cheat, \$14@14.50; vetch, \$14@14.50.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 28c; fancy outside creamery, 27@28c; store, 18c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2 cents per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 24@25c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 15 1/2@16c; broilers, 28@30c; fryers, 22@25c; roosters, 10c; ducks, 14@15c; geese, 10@11c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, \$2.50@3 per dozen.

Veal—Extras, 8@8 1/2c; ordinary, 7@7 1/2c; heavy, 6@6 1/2c.

Pork—Fancy, 10c per pound.

Hops—1909 contract, 9c; 1908 crop, 8@8 1/2c; 1907 crop, 3@4c; 1906 crop, 1 1/2c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@21c; valley, fine, 24c; medium, 23c; coarse, 22c; mohair, choice, 24@25c.

Cattle—Steers, top, \$5.50@5.75; fair to good, \$5@5.25; common to medium, \$4.50@4.75; cows, top, \$4.25@4.50; fair to good, \$3.75@4.25; common to medium, \$2.50@3.50; bulls and stags, \$3@3.50; common, \$2@2.75.

Hogs—Best, \$7.50@7.75; fair to good, \$7.25@7.50; stockers, \$6@6.50; China fats, \$6.75.

Sheep—Top wethers, \$44.50; fair to good, \$3.50@4; ewes, 1/2c less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4.50; fair to good, \$4@4.25; spring lambs, \$5@5.50.

CZAR PARDONS TWO.

Sentences on Admiral Nebogoff and General Stoessel Revoked.

St. Petersburg, May 19.—The czar today ordered the release of Admiral Nebogoff and General Stoessel, who were confined at the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, under sentences of life imprisonment. Nebogoff surrendered his fleet to Admiral Togo and Soessel surrendered Port Arthur during the war with Japan. They were tried for cowardice, and imprisoned for life after the close of the war. Stoessel is believed to be dying and Nebogoff is very sick. While the illness of the pair was given as the reason for the czar's pardon, it is known that popular agitation along other lines had a certain bearing upon the case.

There has been an unusually strong undercurrent of unrest for some time, and the imprisonment of the officers was used as a shield by certain agitators.

Another line of attack made on the government is criticism over the recent appropriation of 80,841,000 roubles for improvement of the army, while no steps have been taken for the relief of the thousands of persons who are starving to death in the Kiev district. Dispatches are received every day telling of frightful famine conditions in that district, but as yet no action has been taken by the government.

GENERAL STRIKE IS CALLED.

Appeal of French Revolutionists Fails to Aid Postmen.

Paris, May 19.—The efforts of the revolutionary labor leaders to bring about a general strike of affiliated unions in support of the postal employees without result up to midnight. An appeal to the workers of France to come to the aid of their comrades in the postal service with a general strike was issued by the federal committee of the postal employees and pleaded throughout Paris during the night.

A sensation was caused by the discovery at the central postoffice of a mysterious package resembling an infernal machine. It was carried to the municipal laboratory and opened under water. The package contained a decayed lobster.

The committee of the General Federation of Labor today decided to ask the postmen to return to work, but with the assurance that the General Federation of Labor would begin the organization of a series of manifestations in different branches of industry, to emphasize the general claims of the working class.

UNCLE SAM AS AUCTIONEER.

Smuggled Finery to Be Sold Under Hammer in June.

New York, May 19.—The government's much heralded sale of costly smuggled gowns will start June 1, when the contents of one trunk, containing 67 shirtwaists, will be offered at auction. These waists, appraised at from \$50 to \$300 each, are said to be among the finest produced in Paris in many years.

Trunk No. 2, the contents of which will be offered for sale on June 4, contains 30 magnificent lace waists, each one described as a "dream," and not one appraised at less than \$200. In trunk No. 3 there are 49 princess gowns, the minimum appraisal being \$250. They will be offered at auction on June 8. Forty-three princess costumes in trunk No. 4 will be offered at auction on June 10. Among these are several dinner gowns, appraised at \$1,000 and more. On June 12 the shirtwaists in trunk No. 5 will be offered at auction. The total appraisal of the smuggled gowns was \$520,000.

Wireless Phones for Harriman.

Omaha, Neb., May 19.—Dr. Miller, the electrical wizard of the Union Pacific, is working upon a wireless telephone system that he hopes to have installed upon all the lines of the Harriman system west from Omaha. He has been given carte blanche and has the preliminaries well in hand. Copper wire will be laid along the track and in the baggage car will be a high frequency machine with power furnished by the engine. This will agitate the sound waves, and instruments in the general offices will gather them.

One Man Can Sink Fleet.

New Orleans, May 19.—If the device for the destruction of protected magazines aboard battleships and in forts, devised by H. A. Folk, of this city, is practical, modern warfare will be revolutionized. Folk claims to have discovered a way by which magazines in vessels miles distant can be exploded by a wireless spark set off by an operator in a tower on the shore. He claims that one man can destroy an entire fleet within a very few minutes.

Czar 41 Years of Age.

St. Petersburg, May 19.—In the seclusion of the imperial palace at Peterhof Emperor Nicholas passed his forty-first birthday yesterday. The customary official observances of the anniversary were held, but owing to the tendency of the authorities to suppress any public gatherings or demonstrations of whatever character, there was no popular celebration of the day.

Japanese Strike Broken.

Honolulu, May 19.—The strike of the Japanese plantation laborers is apparently losing ground. More strike breakers than could be used at the plantations offered themselves today and the employers have decided to order the strikers either to return to work or leave the Honolulu and Oahu plantations.

MUST OPEN GATEWAY

Roads Ordered to Sell Tickets to East and West via Portland.

NORTHERN PACIFIC WILL FIGHT

Objects to Joint Traffic With Harriman Lines, Which Are Required to Make Like Concessions.

Washington, May 22.—The first decision in the Portland gateway case is in favor of opening, but this is only the beginning of what promises to be a long contest. In a decision rendered by Mr. Prouty the Interstate Commerce commission today ordered the Harriman lines and the Northern Pacific to join in the sale of through tickets and the through checking of baggage between Eastern and Pacific coast points via Portland. Chairman Knapp and E. E. Clark dissent from the decision.

The commission sustains the complaint against the Northern Pacific for refusing to sell through tickets to Portland to points on the Union Pacific and Chicago & Northwestern, including Omaha, Kansas City and Chicago, and sustains also the complaint against the Chicago & Northwestern, Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line and Oregon Navigation company for refusing to sell through tickets via Portland to points in Washington.

By the terms of the decision, which is highly important to the traveling public and to the Western and Northwestern railroads, the Northern Pacific, the Union Pacific lines and the Chicago & Northwestern railway are ordered to join in the sale of through passenger tickets between Seattle and other points in the Pacific Northwest and Eastern destinations, via Portland, and to accord through facilities, like the checking of baggage, over the route.

The commission found in the present case that a substantial part of the entire body of travelers moving between these points in the Northwest and Eastern destinations reasonably desiring to travel via Portland, and that therefore the commission has jurisdiction to open that gateway.

It is also held that public interest requires that this gateway shall be opened; but that the terms under which that service is rendered should be just as between the carriers themselves. The commission was also of the opinion that the through rates via Portland should be the same as those in effect via the Northern Pacific and its present connections, but no opinion is expressed touching a division of these rates.

The decision orders first, that the Middle West lines complained of sell the Northern Pacific shall establish before July 1, 1909, and maintain in force thereafter for not less than three years, through routes and joint rates between Chicago, Council Bluffs and Colorado common points via Portland and points in Washington between Portland and Seattle, including the latter, the joint rates to be the same as the joint rates contemporaneously in effect between said points via the Northern Pacific and its connections.

Second, the carriers named are ordered to establish before July 1, joint rates and through routes for passengers and baggage from points on the Northern Pacific via Portland to Omaha, Kansas City, Chicago and other Union Pacific and Chicago & Northwestern points.

It is understood authoritatively that it is the intention of the Northern Pacific, in connection perhaps with other roads, to seek an injunction restraining the commission from putting its order into effect. Should such an injunction be granted, it would prevent the enforcement of the order during the period of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle, as it is estimated that it would require many months for the courts finally to determine the case on its merits.

Chicago Reaches Debt Limit.

Chicago, May 22.—With the issue of \$1,500,000 four per cent 20 year bonds to the First Trust & Savings bank, the city of Chicago has reached the limit of its bonded indebtedness. The bonds were awarded yesterday to the City Controller Walter B. Wilson. They went at par, with a premium of \$11,500 paid by the bank. The total bonded indebtedness of the city is now \$30,220,000, including the \$4,200,000 World's Columbian exposition bonds authorized by special act of the state legislature.

Two Unions to Unite.

Spokane, May 22.—"It is probable that working agreements will be made by the Western Federation of Miners and the United Mineworkers of America," stated C. H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, who is here tonight. "It is not probable that they will unite, as their fields of usefulness are different. In spite of all reports, the next convention of the Federation will show that it is stronger than ever."

Explosion Fires Forest.

Pittsburg, May 22.—One thousand pounds of powder in the warehouse of the Oriental plant of Fairbanks Powder company located at Fairbanks, Pa., exploded late last night. No one was injured, but the plant was seriously damaged, and the mountain woods set on fire.