



GUILTY OF CONSPIRACY

Jury Finds Hoge and Nickell are Guilty.

IN LAND FRAUD TRIAL

Verdict is Returned at Seventeen Minutes Past Twelve This Morning.

CLEMENCY IS RECOMMENDED

Jury Brings in Verdict of Guilty—Stay of Judgment is Granted by Judge Hunt for Ten Days.

PORTLAND, July 27.—The jury in the case of the United States against Henry W. Miller, Frank E. Kineart, Martin G. Hoge and Charles Nickell indicted and tried for conspiracy in connection with the land fraud trials in this state returned a verdict of guilty in the case of Hoge and Nickell at 12:17 o'clock this (Friday) morning after having been out six hours. The jury recommended the defendants to the clemency of the court. A motion to stay judgment for ten days pending application for a new trial was granted by Judge Hunt.

Kineart and Miller pleaded guilty before the trial of the other defendants commenced.

Forenoon Session.

Judge O'Day spent all forenoon in an effort to convince the jury that no crime had been committed. He declared the indictment was defective in that it had failed to charge the necessary facts. He dwelt at length on the fundamental law that no man can be placed before his peers on a charge of crime, without a presentment by a grand jury. This, said the lawyer, is a constitutional provision and no man can be charged with crime and tried for his liberty without such a presentment, though all the Supreme Judges, Circuit Judges and District Judges in the Union wanted to try him without it.

Coming to the main point in his argument, the Judge took the position that the contracts alleged in the indictment to have been entered into between the timber applicants and the bogus "Emetsburg of New Zealand Company," are not contracts at all, and hence no crime could have been committed. The "company" represented by Miller, said he, was no company at all; it did not exist. How then could there be a contract entered into between the applicants and the company? If there was no contract and no agreement could be entered into, where had there been an offense committed? How could perjury have been committed where there was nothing to commit perjury about?

JUDGMENT AGAINST DOWIE.

Court Hands Down Decision Requiring Prophet to Pay His Debts.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26.—The California Supreme Court yesterday handed down a decision on an appeal made by John Alexander Dowie from a judgment of the Superior Court ordering him to pay to Attorney Hugh Craig \$1764.50, with interest from 1888. The judgment of the lower court was affirmed.

Craig advanced money for Dowie to conduct a revival meeting at the Grand Opera house in this city in 1888 for which Dowie agreed to reimburse him from the proceeds of the collection. The proceeds did not come up to expectations and Craig brought suit to recover the money.

WILL SOLVE MYSTERY.

British Columbia Fishery Commission Will Try to Find Sockeye Route.

VICTORIA, July 26 (Special)—An interesting experiment is being undertaken by the fishery experts who are members of the Fishery Commission now making investigations in British Columbia to endeavor to ascertain the course of sockeye salmon after they enter the straits of Juan De Fuca. Trap owners both in British Columbia and Washington have been asked to assist. The scheme is to place tags bearing the letter and number, indicating the trap from which the salmon were taken and the date. Whenever any salmon with a tag is found in a trap, tag and particulars will be given to the fishery inspectors who hope thus to solve the mystery of the route of the sockeyes. The other phase of the mystery as to where the fish go after spawning is also being investigated. Present evidence points to the Kamchatka coast.

ADVANCE REPORTS UNFOUNDED.

NEW YORK, July 26.—Advance reports of the disposition of the wealth of Russell Sage are declared unfounded. Mrs. Sage announced today the will will be filed for probate tomorrow when the contents will be made public.

HEARST IS THE MAN

He Will Be Named for New York's Governor.

ON SEPTEMBER THE ELEVENTH

Will Be Nominated For Governor in Carnegie Hall—Justice Gaynor Will Not Oppose Hearst For Place.

NEW YORK, July 26.—The press tomorrow will say: William R. Hearst will be nominated for Governor in Carnegie Hall on Tuesday, September 11th or on the following day. At the close of the convention the nomination will be tendered to Mr. Hearst at a mass meeting in Madison Square Garden and then the campaign of Independence league will be formally under way. Justice William Gaynor will not be a candidate against Hearst.

BYERLY SELLS BONDS.

NEW YORK, July 26.—It was reported yesterday that Samuel Byerly, the American Express Company clerk who obtained an award of \$5,800,000 Panama bonds from the Treasury Department, succeeded in disposing of his award at a good profit and there therefore his option will not be forfeited on August 1.

It was said that Byerly had no difficulty in arranging the sale of his bonds to a house which is interested in the disposing of Panama bonds, but what the terms were is not known generally. Byerly's profits, it is said, may be as high as \$20,000 or \$25,000. No deposit was required of bidders and owing to the peculiar condition of the money market Byerly took sharp advantage of that fact.

ELK PRIZES ANNOUNCED.

DENVER, July 26.—Further announcement has just been made by the committee on prizes during the recent Elks' convention.

For the outside lodges bringing the greatest number of ladies, Salt Lake City gets the silver Elk, valued at \$1000. Kansas City received \$300 and Davenport, Ia., \$200.

Pittsburg takes prize for the greatest aggregate mileage traveled receiving the \$750 gold brick. The members of the delegation had a total of 98,500 miles to its credit. Brooklyn with 68,000 miles takes \$300, second money, and Syracuse, with 38,000 gets the third prize, \$200.

REFORM WITH STRONG HAND

Stolypin Believes Firmness is Necessary.

RELIES ON PATRIOTISM

Says Innate Loyalty of Masses and Army Will Tide Over the Crisis.

PREMIER SCORNS PARLIAMENT

Says Constitutional Democrats Were Insincere and Trucked With the Worst Element of Revolution—Platform Was False.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 26.—"Strong handed reform" is laid down by M. Stolypin as the keynote of his administration in an interview in which the new premier expressed his confidence that this policy, with the aid of the innate patriotism of the masses and the army "which in spite of all reports is still loyal and reliable" will tide the country over until the convocation of the next parliament. He emphasized, as did the Controller of the Empire Schwanebach on Sunday, the belief that the outlawed parliament was neither representative nor capable of constructive work.

He spoke with special scorn of the leaders of the constitutional democrats, not attempting to conceal his impression that the quasi respectability of the party was but a cover for insincerity, and trucking with the worst element of the revolution. They did not honestly believe in either a general expropriation of land or in complete amnesty. Their advocacy of these features was merely a campaign cry.

No Martyrdom For Parliament.

The premier stated that the members of parliament, were not arrested for the signing the Viborg manifesto, because that would merely have conferred a mild and much desired martyrdom on them; but he said they would be held responsible for the slight attempt to preach to their constituents seditious doctrines, such as refusal to pay taxes or to furnish recruits to the army. A decision on the question of a general strike is still hanging fire, no word having been received from the revolutionary leaders, who again were in secret session tonight. In addition to other reasons, the condition in the famine district is advanced as a new argument against a new strike, as the peasantry would resent the tying up of the railroads, upon which they are dependent for grain to keep them from starvation. The ministry of railroads received words today of several attempts to destroy railroad bridges. It is believed that the radicals are resorting to this means to force the issue.

The police are becoming more active in breaking up meetings in the capital. Today a conference of St. Petersburg aldermen, which was held in a private room, was raided and the police placed all under arrest for five hours while the house was searched and papers examined. News has been received here that racial troubles have broken out at Krasnoyarsk between the Russians and the natives of Siberia. One person was killed and six wounded in the first encounter.

SMUGGLE IN ARMS.

LONDON, July 26.—Danish and foreign steamers are discharging ammunition from the Finnish coast has been reported here this afternoon to the Daily Telegraph from their Copenhagen correspondent on information from sea captains.

LAKE STEAMER SINKS.

Steamer G. W. Elphicks Crashes Into Breakwater—Passengers Saved

CLEVELAND, O., July 26.—In a heavy fog, the steamer G. W. Elphicks, of the Gilchrist fleet crashed into the new section of the East breakwater last night and sank.

Seventeen persons aboard, including the captain's wife and another woman were saved by the life savers and by the tug Grover.

The boat lies a total wreck near the foot of Kirkland street. Her bow is out of water about 12 feet. Her stern is submerged. The boat left Ashtabula early last evening loaded with coal and bound up the lake. She was to pick up her tow at this port, the barge Trone, which was not yet loaded with coal. That explains how Captain Dawson was running so closely toward shore. He was lost in the fog that settled down over the lakes early in the evening and continued all night long, making navigation hazardous.

When the rescue tug and life savers got to the vessel they found that the crew and in fact all of those on board were grouped together on the forward deck anxiously awaiting help. The lifeboats were in readiness to use in case it was necessary to make a quick getaway.

WOULD SAVE CASH

Bryan Urges Economy in New York Reception.

LETTER OF HIS PUBLISHED

Nebraskan Writes to Treasurer Troup of Reception Committee Urging Utmost Economy and Publicity in Banquet Contributions.

NEW YORK, July 26.—The executive committee in charge of the arrangements for the reception of Bryan in Madison Square Garden, August 30, made public today, a portion of a letter written by Bryan to Treasurer Troup of the reception committee, in which Bryan asks that subscriptions to the reception fund, be limited to \$50, and that a list of all subscribers of \$5 or over be given any one desiring such a list. Mr. Bryan expresses his desire that the subscriptions be limited to \$1 and that the reception be as economically managed as possible.

STEALING IN KALGOORLIE MINES.

Company Suffers Loss of Five Million Dollars Yearly.

NEW YORK, July 26.—A cable dispatch to a morning paper from Sydney, N. S. W., says: In consequence of a circumstantial statement that the Kalgoorlie gold mines suffer a yearly loss of \$5,000,000 worth of gold by theft, the minister of mines employed a detective to investigate. He confirms the stories of enormous stealing, which amounts to some hundreds of thousands of ounces, but says the robberies are smaller than alleged.

He adds that certain men who are generally regarded as upright and honorable, are living luxuriously, wholly on the stealings. They recognize the actual stealers who are mostly officers.

A resident magistrate confirms the detective. London officials of the Kalgoorlie Company say the estimate of thefts is grossly exaggerated. The total value of the stolen gold does not exceed \$350,000 yearly. The utmost vigilance fails to prevent the stealing.

LOVE FOUND A WAY.

PHILADELPHIA, July 26.—Grievously disappointed because their parents did not permit them to marry, Gustav Kathke, aged 19 and Ella Miller, aged 18, committed suicide together sometime Tuesday night by jumping into the Delaware river. Tonight the bodies of the young people clasped in each other's arms, were recovered from the river.

REPORT SAID TO BE FALSE

S. P. Official Says Demand Not Granted.

WAGES ARE NOT RAISED

Men Voluntarily Returned to Work At Their Old Schedule of Wages.

COMPANY TO CONSIDER RAISE

General Superintendent Palmer of the Southern Pacific Says There Has Been No Trouble With the Switchmen.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26.—The statement given out by men claiming to represent the striking warehouse men in Oakland yesterday, to the effect that the Southern Pacific Company had agreed to the demand of the men, is declared by officers of the railway to be entirely false. General Superintendent W. S. Palmer, of the Southern Pacific, made the following statement today:

"The statement that we have raised the wages of freight handlers in Oakland is false. The men who have been mentioned as having settled the difficulty with us were as a matter of fact discharged by the freight handlers yesterday as a committee and another substituted. This committee requested a special conference in reply to a notice which had been sent to the men by myself and Superintendent Scott early yesterday morning that we could not treat with men who had left our employ, but that their positions were open for them to return to work at the wages they had been receiving. Because of this change in committees, Mr. Scott was authorized to meet them, with the result that the men voluntarily returned to work at the old wages. The question of overtime was not discussed. The question of wages will be given consideration by our company's officers and a definite reply made thereto on August 1. There was no promise or even inference of a change in the wage schedule."

WITHDRAWS FROM CALIFORNIA

Prussian National Insurance Company Will Not Operate in California.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26.—The Prussian National Insurance Company of Stettin, Germany, has decided to withdraw from California, at least for the present. Notice to agents has been sent out from the company's head office in the United States that the suspension is to be effective until such time as the company incorporate a suitable earthquake clause in all policies.

At the offices of the Prussian National, in Oakland, it was stated that the company will not withdraw until all its losses have been adjusted. The company does not claim to be in the dollar-for-dollar class, but it is cheerfully settling with such claimants as are willing to accept 75 per cent. The company's losses in San Francisco are estimated at \$1,250,000.

MAY BE LOST.

EUREKA, Cal., July 26.—Anxiety for the safety of the gasoline schooner President Jacobson due here yesterday from Shelter Cove, is felt. It is only a six-hour trip. The steamer North Fork reports sighting a schooner in distress, but was unable to assist owing to the danger in the great seas.

WILL PAY FEW LOSSES.

Six Fire Insurance Companies Will Refuse Payment.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26.—The Commercial Union Assurance Limited of London, the Commercial Union Fire of New York, the Palatine Fire Limited, of London, the Norwich Union of England and the Indemnity Fire of New York issued a statement, the first issued to policyholders since the fire, purporting to define their position in regard to payment of their losses which are said to aggregate \$15,000,000. It is said that while the companies are satisfied, both from the opinion of their legal adviser and the investigation made by their representatives sent out from London for the purpose, they do not owe their policyholders a dollar, they will, nevertheless, recognize a number of claims. The companies recognize that there are cases in which there is no question as to their legal liability, and these they offer to pay in full, upon adjustment. But in all cases in which they perceive an opportunity to make their earthquake exemption provision apply they will not pay anything.

MANY JEWS LEAVE RUSSIA.

VIENNA, July 26.—Eight hundred children of Jews, whose parents were murdered at Bialystock, left lowenberg today, en route to America.

POSSE AFTER DIETZ

Outlaw With Family Barricaded in House.

SOLDIER FATALLY WOUNDED

Dietz Shoots Member of the Posse—Brother Is Shot in the Head—Another Battle Expected at Any Moment.

LADYSMITH, Wis., July 26.—A passenger just arrived from Sameron Dam, reports that the sheriff and six soldiers encountered John Dietz, the outlaw, in a fierce battle. One soldier was shot and it is believed fatally. One of the Dietz boys was shot in the head and dragged inside the Dietz house. Dietz remains fortified in his camp and another battle is expected soon. Doctors have gone to the scene. A warrant is out for Dietz for interfering with the transportation of 5,000,000 feet of logs.

Repeated efforts to serve papers on Dietz, who declared he would die defending himself, failed. Several days ago, however, the court called for a posse, which included six militiamen, and sent it to the dam to serve papers on Dietz. According to James Hedrington, who witnessed the fight, and who arrived at Ladysmith today, Dietz, aided by his wife and son, opened fire when the posse appeared, and a lively fusillade was maintained for some time. Dietz firing from behind a stump. Hedrington left the scene, helping to care for the wounded man before the fight had terminated, but he believed that up that time papers had not been served on Dietz.

CONFER ON INSURANCE.

ALBANY, N. Y., July 26.—United States Senator M. C. Bulkeley, President, and Attorney Sperry, of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, and William B. Smith, attorney for the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., conferred at length here yesterday with Superintendent Kelsey of the State Insurance Department and Attorney General Mayer, regarding the interpretation of the provisions of the insurance laws affecting foreign insurance companies doing business in this state. Attorney General Mayer, to whom inquiries were referred by all the other parties to the conference, declined to say what points were discussed, but said would render later an official statement on the subject.

THREE KILLED IN WRECK.

NEW YORK, July 26.—Three men were killed in the yards of the Erie railroad at Jersey City tonight when spread-rails sent a fast freight plunging down the embankment.