



MAYS SCORED BY PUTER

Land Frauder Exposes His "Co-Conspirator"

PLOTS ARE SET FORTH

Details of Bribery of United States Senator Mitchell Are Related.

BROWNELL "FIXED" JURORS

Stephen A. D. Puter Gives Damaging Testimony—Says Ex-State Senator George C. Brownell Was Employed to "Fix" Jurors.

PORTLAND, Sept. 6.—Stephen A. D. Puter of National land fraud fame, went on the witness stand in the trial of State Senator Mays, W. N. Jones and George Sorenson, before Judge Hunt in the Federal court this morning and gave damaging testimony against his former attorney and associate, Mays. His story covered various land fraud transactions and before the hour for adjournment came, the shades of the late Senator Mitchell were once more brought forth in criminal relation. No witness thus far examined created such an impression or gave testimony so damaging as did Puter this morning and that he is regarded as a dangerous man to the defense is evidenced by the vigorous objections offered by the defendants' counsel and rigid cross-examination to which he was subjected by W. D. Fenton.

Mays Called Conspirator.

Puter brought Mays directly into view as a co-conspirator in other cases; told of his visit to Mays when the latter complained that Horace G. McKinley had no right to "butt in" on the Blue Mountain reserve, and demanded that he surrender half his certificates or be cut out; of how Mays acted as his attorney and for the Northern Pacific Railway company in a contest in which both were interested; how Mays promised to get and succeeded in getting fraudulent claims to patent in Douglas county for which both he and Mays stand indicted; declared in angry tones that Mays ought to have been indicted in the famous 11-7 case, in which he himself was convicted; told how Mays confessed to him while acting as his attorney that "they were hewing pretty close to the line, and were apt to draw him into the conspiracy," and that he (Mays) had best draw out of the case as far as the court work was concerned, and related a circumstance of his having been employed ex-State Senator George C. Brownell to "fix" grand jurors for him.

Mays, said the witness, promised him that he would have the cases against him and McKinley and others postponed from time to time and finally dismissed altogether, and told him it would be a good thing for him to be indicted while John H. Hall was in office.

Mitchell Paid \$2,000.

Puter related in detail the payment of a bribe of \$2,000 to Senator Mitchell in Washington to use his influence with Binger Hermann, then Commissioner of the Land Office, to expedite to patent claims in which he was interested and said that notwithstanding Hermann had told him the claims were doomed and would have to go back to the local Land Office, he did expedite them within four days after he gave the money to Mitchell. He corroborated the story of the payment of this money by producing a note book, which, however, was ruled out as evidence.

The famous land-fraud veteran was

the center of all eyes when he walked to the witness stand. He looks rather pale and bleached from confinement in the county jail, but was perfectly composed while he told his story to the jury.

ILL IN GERMANY.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—According to private cable advices received here, Karl Muck, the first conductor of the Royal Opera House in Berlin, who was to come to this country for one season as successor to Wilhelm Gericke, at the head of the Boston symphony orchestra, is ill in Germany as the result of an operation performed two days ago.

Mr. Muck was to sail for this country on Sept. 24, and if his illness should be as serious as the reports from Germany indicate, this plan probably will be impossible.

SHIPS IN COLLISION.

DETROIT, Sept. 6.—The Western liner Milwaukee collided with the steamer Nelson Mills in the St. Clair river near St. Clair today. The Mills plunged to the bottom at once. Two were drowned.

OH, WHAT A SHAME!

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—A cable dispatch to the Herald from Bordeaux, says:

The famous Celsier wine house burned here Wednesday. The vats exploded and \$400,000 worth of wine flowed into the streets. The books and papers of the firm were saved.

OREGON IS HONORED

Governor Chamberlain Chosen Head of Irrigation Congress.

DISCORD OVER SECRETARY

D. H. Anderson of Chicago Finally Chosen—Sacramento Selected for Next Meeting Place—Congress Adjourns Last Night.

BOISE, Sept. 6.—The fourteenth national Irrigation Congress closed its sessions this evening after voting to hold the next Congress at Sacramento and electing Governor Chamberlain, of Oregon, president. Governor Chamberlain was the unanimous choice for President and when he was escorted to the platform and expressed his appreciation of the honor he was given an ovation. In his speech of acceptance, which was brief, he said:

"I assure you that this great honor conferred upon me is appreciated, because it came unsolicited. I promise you the best effort of my life will be devoted to the interests of irrigation during the coming year."

There was some evidence of discord in connection with the election of secretary. D. H. Anderson, a Chicago publisher, was the choice of the nominating committee. His published utterances criticizing the federal reclamation service, were urged against him, but the convention endorsed his nomination. The report of the resolutions committee was presented today.

After striking out the resolution urging congress to extend to the federal courts jurisdiction over water rights on interstate streams, the report was adopted and the convention adjourned sine die.

SULLIVAN WILL ANSWER.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—Interviewed by a morning paper, Roger C. Sullivan, the Democratic National committee man from Illinois, who is at the Waldorf Astoria, refused to make any reply to the attack made upon him by Mr. Bryan in Chicago.

"I am content to think things over for the moment," he said, "but I'll have something to say all right, when I get back to Chicago."

SITUATION UNSETTLED

Cubans are Still Bickering Over Peace Demands.

LIBERALS ARE ACTIVE

Revolutionists Demand that Liberals Deposed Last Year be Restored.

THEY WANT PALMA PUT OUT

Rebels Defeated in Fight With Colonel Valle in Santa Clara Province—Government Also Suffers Defeat Near Santiago.

HAVANA, Sept. 6.—While peace prospects have caused a general suspension of the revolutionary operations, no appreciable progress toward anything like a satisfactory understanding has been made. The demands that come from the insurgents include the restoration of the Rural Guards to their former positions, the reinstatement of the liberals who were last year deposed from their positions, and other radical propositions. The Liberals have not yet relinquished the hope that they will be able to force the resignation of Palma and all high government officials.

The government's report of today's fight in Santa Clara province says that Colonel Valle's men pursued 30 men who had risen near Palmira. The insurgents were reinforced and a fight took place in which the insurgents were repulsed. They were again attacked by Captain Mayato and several insurgents killed or wounded.

Captains Figueroa and Delga report a fight in the hills south of Santiago de Las Vegas, in which four rural guards were killed and pools of blood all over the battleground indicate that many insurgents were wounded, but no bodies were found.

GOVERNMENT DEEATED.

CIENFUGOS, Sept. 6.—A detachment of fifty government troops encountered General Guzman today near Camarones. The government force was routed, many being killed or wounded.

WAR AGAINST "FRATS."

Chicago, Sept. 6.—The principals' committee on high school athletics yesterday voted without a dissenting voice against offering a football championship pennant this fall.

At the same time, board members said that the war against high school fraternities and sororities would be reopened as soon as the courts untie the hands of the board. A suit for injunction to restrain the board from refusing to permit "frat" and "sorority" members is now pending in the courts.

Should the injunctions be granted, board members declare they will resort to other measures to push out the high schools' secret societies.

MANCHURIA RESTING EASY.

HONOLULU, Sept. 6.—The Manchuria is resting easy and it has been ascertained that she is little damaged. The work was delayed by an accident to the dredger Pacific while working on her. There is now 24 feet of water in the Transport Sheridan. Captain Humphrey, her commander, is confident of saving the transport. Captain Peabody, on the other hand, says she is a hopeless wreck.

COMMITTEE WILL REPLY.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—The Tribune today says:

It is understood that the International Policyholders' Committee at its general convention today will issue a striking reply to Bishop McCabe's letter to former Judge Parker, in which the bishop urged the committee to endorse the "administration" tickets of both the Mutual and the New York Life Insurance companies. At the executive meeting at the Waldorf last night, it seemed to be the general impression that, while Bishop McCabe might have been at liberty to criticize the committee's publicity methods, he was scarcely justified in urging the support of the administration tickets, especially in view of the fact that he did not attend any meeting or take the trouble to acquaint himself at first hand with the company's work and aims. At the meeting last night, it is said several committeemen were outspoken in their criticism of the Bishop's action, some going so far as to suggest his resignation.

GOMPERS IS SORE.

LEWISON, Me., Sept. 6.—Samuel Gompers resumed the campaign against Congressman Littlefield tonight. He declared in answer to Speaker Cannon that he (Gompers) was naturalized in New York in 1872 and had been a voter ever since. He denied that the members of the American Federation of Labor were assessed to carry on the campaign and denounced Littlefield for indulging in personalities.

EXAMINE ACCOUNTS

Experts Will Investigate Philadelphia Bank's Status.

THE BANK MAY REOPEN SOON

Receiver Says Defunct Institution May Reopen and All the Depositors Will Be Protected—Inquiry Still Continues.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 7.—To determine the responsibility of the directors of the wrecked Real Estate Trust company, State Banking Commissioner Birkey came here today and appointed two expert accountants as special examiners, who will tomorrow begin a thorough examination of the defunct concern. The receiver said tonight after a conference with the directors that he hopes the bank will re-open soon and all depositors will be protected. The preliminary hearing of Adolph Segal, the promoter, William F. North, the treasurer, and Marshal S. Collingswood, the assistant treasurer, took place today. They were held under heavy bail for trial. When it became known that Birkey had decided to interest himself in the affair there arose many rumors concerning the probable criminal action against the directors. That these reports are not without foundation was made plain by Birkey. Birkey stated that during the past few years practically every director of the company had certified to the reports filed in the state banking department. These reports, he said, appear to have been false. If his examination sustains this falsity, Birkey declared he would proceed against the directors. Evidence presented at the hearing of Segal, North and Collingswood disclosed the methods by which Segal and Hipple worked the trust company. The most damaging testimony was that both Hipple and Segal had overdrawn their accounts with the knowledge of North and Collingswood. On the day Hipple died there was a \$64,000 overdraft. At times these drafts amounted to \$800,000.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.

At Oakland—Oakland, 13; Fresno, 12. At Portland—Portland, 5; Los Angeles, 2.

MAY DIFFER IN SPELLING

Congress May Not Approve New Reform.

CLASH NOT UNLIKELY

Communications From President in New Spelling Might Be Refused.

SOME CONGRESSMEN OPPOSE

Phonetism or Anti-Phonetism May Become Issue Between Parties in Future—Slavery and State Rights Minor Questions

(By Sheldon S. Cline.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—Has the thought to be invincible Roosevelt been hoist on the petard of spelling reform? Is phonetism or anti-phonetism to become an issue between the parties.

It is easy to imagine aspirants for presidential honors asking these questions of themselves. And what a boundless field for speculation it opens up! If Mr. Roosevelt is to be the Republican nominee in 1908, as a great many good people are convinced he will be, a decent regard for the seamliness of things would require that the national platform be written phonetically, thus officially committing the Republican party to the Carnegie school of spelling. And there would opportunity knock at the Democratic door! A straight-out plank in the Democratic platform declaring against any presidential monkeying with the king's English would rally to the cause goodness knows how many Republican voters who had a hard enough time learning to spell once, and who would rather risk a Democratic administration than tackle the job again.

Of course, it may not come to such a pass as this, but just now spelling reform is paramount. Tariff reform isn't one, two three. Regulation of the railroads has become a cheap and common thing alongside the regulation of vowels and consonants. Even the matter of governmental ownership of transportation lines has been forced to a rear seat by the question of Mr. Roosevelt's ownership of the English language.

A prominent senator suggests that the president should be known to future generations as "Roosevelt the Regulator." He forced Congress to regulate railroad rates, and Congress claims it really enjoyed the job; he issued a preachment for the regulation of the size of American families, and a good many American women made no pretense of enjoying it; and now he has set out to regulate the English language, despite the clamoring of pedantic professors and the howlings of the British lion. What have the English got to say, anyhow, about how English shall be written? Not in old England, but in Young America, is planted the seed that is to save the tongue of Shakespeare from joining the ghostly legions where march the Greek, the Latin, the Hebrew, and other languages that have no place in the world of living things. These are the days of the strenuous life, and there is nothing, from a man's religion to the color of his hair that may not be made the subject of magisterial supervision.

Trouble in Sight.

There may be those who will as-

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REBATING IS CHARGED.

Agents of Mutual Life in Texas Alleged to Give Rebates.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—George T. Dexter, second vice president of the Mutual Life Insurance company, made this statement yesterday relative to charge contained in two letters sent by men in San Antonio, Texas, to the International Policyholders' committee:

"The statement that the Mutual Life agents in Texas were rebating was first brought to our attention through a communication to the president through a discharged and disgruntled employe of our San Antonio office.

"Specific charges were made and the names of the policyholders alleged to have received a rebate were furnished. An investigation was immediately started and we have a written statement from every policyholder we have so far been able to reach, denying the charge. The complainant has been informed of the facts and asked to furnish proof of his claim. We are ready to take summary action in this or any other case where proof is produced that agents of this company are violating or have violated our instructions prohibiting rebating. Our instructions are explicit and agents will be dismissed whenever the offense is reported."

The complainant referred to is one of the two men who communicated with the international committee. The whole matter has been referred to Grover Cleveland, rebate referee, for the three big companies.

GILLETT NOMINATED

California Republican Convention Names Him for Governor.

PARDEE IS BADLY DEFEATED

Present Governor Sidetracked—Direct Primary Law is Urged—Rate Bill Approved—Stricter Insurance Laws Recommended.

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Sept. 6.—Congressman James N. Gillett was unanimously nominated for governor by the Republican convention today. He was named on the first ballot today, receiving 501½ votes to 233½ for Pardee, who was his only opponent. Prior to the convention the San Francisco delegation held a caucus and declared for Gillett. This it is believed influenced many votes, though the roll call shows Gillett would have been chosen without the vote of the city delegation. After the ballot Pardeen congratulated Gillett, saying: "I hope you'll have as pleasant an administration as I did. God bless you." The platform adopted reaffirms the national platform of 1905; commends congress for the rate bill; the national and state administrations are endorsed and thanks are returned to all those who aided San Francisco in her hour of need; it recommends a federal enactment permitting the free entry of lumber to San Francisco for three years, and the legislature is asked for remedial measures, the exclusion of all oriental labor is favored and a law is advocated requiring substantial deposits by insurance companies before being allowed to do business, and the direct primary is urged.

COLLISION CASE UP.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—Secretary Bonaparte took up today the case of the naval officers concerned in the collision of the battleships Alabama and Illinois, at Newport July 31. Admiral Evans was appointed a court of inquiry and it is understood the court will hold Captain Comly and Lieutenant Pressy, of the Alabama responsible and recommend court-martial for the alleged mismanagement of their vessel. What Bonaparte's action will be cannot be predicted.