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LANDIS RELENTS TOWARD STANDARD

Hears That Oil Concern is Not Only Company Receiving Rebates.

WANTS JUSTICE FOR ALL FIRMS

Man Who Ordered Famous Fine Believes he May Have Been Needlessly Harsh if it is Proven That Many Other Concerns Are Guilty.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—It was decided today by Judge Landis in the United States district court that the Chicago & Alton shall not be further prosecuted for its connection with the granting of rebates to the Standard Oil Company on oil shipments between Whiting, Ind., and East St. Louis, Ills.

It was claimed by District Attorney Sims that his predecessor in office had promised the Alton immunity for co-operating with District Attorney Sims, who therefore asked that the investigation by the grand jury of the Alton road be discontinued and that the jury be discharged.

Landis directed the jury to discontinue its investigation of the Alton; but declined to discharge that body.

Judge Landis then directed the jury's attention to the following statement of President Moffitt, published in a circular, to the employes and stockholders, recently issued by the Standard Oil Company:

"Thousands of tons of freight have been shipped from these points during the last 15 years under the same circumstances as the Standard shipments and if the Standard is guilty in this case so is practically every other shipper in this great manufacturing territory."

"Is there a purpose in selecting the Standard as a victim?" said Judge Landis. "I hope I need not say to you that it is my highest ambition to so administer affairs in this court that no one can truthfully allege such things as this. Therefore, I direct that a subpoena be issued for Mr. Moffitt directing him to attend your session. I charge you to give diligent attention to his testimony."

TAFT ENDORSED.

Nebraska Republicans Are For Him Strongly.

LINCOLN, Sept. 24.—The conventions of the Republicans, Democrats, Populists, Prohibitionists and Socialist parties met at the State House today to perfect their organizations and adjourned after appointing committees on resolutions. Governor Sheldon was made chairman of the Republican convention and P. E. McKillip of the Democratic convention.

In the report of the Republican committee on resolutions, Taft was endorsed in strong language for the nomination for president in 1908.

MISS WRECK BY FEW FEET.

Empire Express Passing Beyond Utica Narrowly Escapes Disaster.

UTICA, N. Y., Sept. 24.—Just as the Empire Express, west-bound, on the New York Central, was passing through the village of Oriskany, eight miles west of here, this afternoon, a freight wreck occurred and one of the cars was swung over the tracks on which the express was speeding.

The last car of the Empire Express missed the wreckage by about 10 feet.

READY FOR TRIP.

UTICA, N. Y., Sept. 24.—Secretary of State Elihu Root and family left Clinton today for Washington, from which place Mr. Root will leave September 25 for his trip to Mexico.

GERMANY AWAITS REYNOLDS.

No Notice Given of Early Visit of Export Commission.

BERLIN, Sept. 24.—There appears to be uncertainty in official circles here regarding the real object and scope of the so-called export commission from the United States, which is expected to arrive here at the close of the month. It is remarked that the American government officially notified Germany of the advent and purpose of the North tariff commission, but so far it has omitted to do this in the case of the Reynolds commission.

The statement that the latter commission is coming to see how the recently entered into provisional agreement is considered to be too vague to be satisfactory, especially as the provisional agreement has been only about three months in operation.

CASHIER ABSCONDS.

Louisiana Official's Defalcation is Sixty Thousand.

BATON ROUGE, La., Sept. 24.—Oscar Kondert, formerly cashier of the First National Bank here, is missing, and the federal authorities are searching for him with a warrant, charging him with defalcation to the amount of 60,000. It is alleged the shortage was discovered a month ago, but that Kondert and his friends made good the greater part of the loss.

GETS BIG CANAL CONTRACT.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 24.—D. L. Gillespie & Co., contractors of this city, have received the contract to supply 10,000,000 feet of dimension lumber for the Panama Canal. The price is \$225,775. The lumber will be yellow pine and fir. The pine will be shipped from the Atlantic coast and the fir from the Pacific Coast.

OFFICIALS CLASH

Attorney General to Force Commodity Law.

MAY BE SUED FOR CONTEMPT

Fight Over State Law May go to the Supreme Court and Settle Right of States to Regulate Railroad Rate Laws Enacted.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 24.—Attorney-General Young today obtained from the county court a writ of mandamus directed against the Northern Pacific railroad to compel it to comply with the commodity rate law, the operation of which was enjoined by Judge Lochren in the United States court.

The railroad officials will probably ask Judge Lochren for an order citing Attorney-General Young for contempt.

If the attorney-general is declared in contempt a writ of habeas corpus will be issued and the matter taken to the United States supreme court for a final decision as to the state's right to regulate rates.

BOYS ADMIT FIRING CONVENT.

Lives of 600 Children Menaced at Sparkhill—Boys Were Tired of Routine.

NYACK, N. Y., Sept. 24.—Six young boys at the Convent of St. Agnes, Sparkhill, were arrested at that institution today, charged with setting fire to the convent early last Saturday morning when the building was barely saved from burning down with 600 children sleeping therein. The boys made a confession, saying they were tired of the play and wanted to burn it down.

District Attorney Gagan held an examination this afternoon before Judge Levinson, when the boys coolly told of the circumstances of the fire and appeared to regret that their plans had not succeeded. The boys' ages range from 11 to 14 years. The boys were sent to the Catholic protectory at West Farms to await the action of the grand jury.

ASSAILS DEAD MAN'S SCHEMES

Senator Borah's Prosecutor Declares Steunenburg a Leader in Land Frauds.

TRIED TO INTEREST GOODING

Representative Burch, For United States Attorney-General, Will Prosecute Borah Until he is Proven Guilty or Innocent—Is After Justice.

BOISE, Sept. 24.—The government today revealed its hand in the case of the United States vs. Senator Borah, charged with timber fraud. The jury was completed at the morning session and during the afternoon Judge M. C. Burch, of Detroit, special assistant to the attorney-general, made the opening statement for the prosecution.

BOISE, Sept. 24.—The opening address of the prosecution in the Borah case was made this afternoon by Mr. Burch, of Detroit, special representative of the attorney-general of the United States. He dwelt at length on the details of the charge set forth in the indictment—that of conspiracy to defraud the government out of timber lands by inducing persons to make false entries—and asserted that the prosecution was without malice, but would be carried on without fear or favor to the end so that no guilty man should escape.

Burch declared that former Governor Steunenburg was one of the leading members of the conspiracy and had openly stated that he was interested in obtaining the timber lands by causing others to enter claims for his benefit.

"He induced others to go in with him," said Burch, "one of those approached being the present governor of Idaho, Frank R. Gooding. There could be no reflection on Gooding, because he had turned his back on the scheme and declined to go into it."

BACK TO OLD STATE.

Governor Folk and Thousand of Former Tennesseans Celebrate.

NASHVILLE, Sept. 24.—Tennessee home comers thronged the state fair grounds this afternoon to hear Governor Folk, of Missouri, himself a native of Tennessee. His address was delivered before a crowd of 20,000 people and aroused much enthusiasm. Governor Patterson, of Tennessee, delivered the welcoming address, and Governor Folk responded.

COATHANGER RATE PROTESTED.

Middle West Railroads Charged With Making Unjust Charges.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Alleged unjust and unreasonable rates on shipments of wire coat-hangers between points in the middle west forms the basis of a complaint filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission today. The complainant is the Forest City freight bureau, which names as defendants 59 railroads operating in the west. It appears that a coat-hanging concern is a member of the Forest City freight bureau. Objection was made by it to the rates exacted by the railroads for transporting less than carload lots of coat-hangers, and hence the complaint. The petition filed in this connection is a very bulky document and a lively fight against the offending railroads is promised.

DIES OF WOUND.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 24.—W. G. (Bert) Nunn, who was shot by Charles Crowley in a pistol duel at Marcola Saturday afternoon, in which Crowley met his death, died at the Eugene hospital at 1:55 this afternoon. The wound was a very bad one and the physicians from the first gave no hope of recovery. The bullet entered his right side, passed directly beneath the liver, and came out on the left side, just under the stomach, barely missing both these organs. The intestines were not penetrated.

Nunn's family was at his bedside at the time of his death. While it was considered that death was inevitable it came sooner than the physicians thought. The matter of an inquest over the remains was discussed today by Deputy District Attorney Skipworth and Coroner Gordon, but up to late this afternoon there had been no decision on the matter. No funeral arrangements have been made.

BLAME FOR WRECK NOT FIXED.

CONCORD, N. H., Sept. 24.—A statement given out here at 3 p. m. today by the Boston & Maine Railroad officials is to the effect that it is at present impossible to fix the responsibility for the wreck at West Canaan last Sunday morning.

The train dispatcher at Concord seems to have sent the order properly, but the operator at Canaan received a different order from that sent. Investigation into the cause of the accident will be continued.

CHINOOKS SCARCE AT BANDON.

COQUILLE, Or., Sept. 24.—The Timmons Cannery at Bandon began to receive fish last week. The Prosper Cannery company also commenced work. It reports a catch of 500 in one seine and considers it good for the early season. Chinook salmon are reported very scarce.

PIONEER DIES.

JUNCTION CITY, OR., Sept. 24.—James T. Kirk, a pioneer of the '50s, died at the residence of his son, J. F. Kirk, at Franklin, Or., Friday night, at the age of 85 years.

VOLCANO ERUPTS ON ALASKA SHORE

Rescue Boat Captain Reports Thrilling Tale of Nature's Awsome Violence.

J. CURRIER CREW RETURNS

Thetis Saves Greatest Number of Lives in History of Coast Trade—Crew Give the Rescued Men Their Bunks and Show Great Kindness.

SEATTLE, Sept. 24.—Captain Henderson of the revenue cutter Thetis on his arrival here today from the Arctic, confirms with official reports accounts of a violent volcanic eruption of Mount Makushin on September 1, and the existence of a new peak raised from the sea, forming a part of the Bogoslov formation.

The latest addition is the fourth and with its appearance the bottom of the ocean has arised until its channels, formerly sufficient for the passage of ships, are now dry land.

The Makushin volcano was threatening for six hours and ashes heavily impregnated with sulphur fell to a depth of three eights of an inch. Reports were made to Henderson from the north state that three other similar volcanic disturbances have occurred along the Alaska coast during the present summer.

SEATTLE, Sept. 24.—The revenue cutter Thetis reached here tonight, bringing 242 survivors of the wrecked American ship John Currier, which went aground in a fog at Bristol Bay, Alaska, on August 9. The work of rescue constitutes the greatest saving of lives with a single expedition in the history of the Pacific Coast shipping.

The Thetis took over the survivors at Unalaska on her run down from the Arctic where they had been taken by the cutter McCulloch after they had spent 34 days on a barren beach. Among the rescued are 130 Orientals and 110 Europeans, all fishermen.

The crew of the Thetis gave up their berths to the stranded sailors during the voyage south and slept on deck. No sickness developed aboard the crowded steamer.

BODY SHIPPED NORTH.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—The State Department today received a dispatch from the American consul at Guanajuato, Mexico, saying that the body of George Rose, the mining engineer who was killed by bandits at that place, had been embalmed and shipped to Salt Lake on September 13. Mrs. Rose, whose home was formerly in Salt Lake and who was wounded by the bandits, is recovering, but is badly shaken in health as a result of her encounter with the robbers. Mrs. Rose's body was shipped in charge of an employe of the mining company by which he had been engaged.

PLAGUE CASES 42; DEATHS 24.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—Dr. Duport Blue, Marine Hospital Service, and President William Ophuls, of the City Board of Health, unite in the following statement to the press relative to the bubonic plague situation. "From our knowledge of plague, the prevention of a sudden outbreak in epidemic form can be predicted with assurance, but a certain number of cases will continue to occur for a considerable period, in spite of all preventative measures." The score to date is as follows: Number of identified cases, 42; deaths, 24; suspects under observation and not yet verified, 25.

YESTERDAY'S BASEBALL SCORES.

At Portland—Portland 3, San Francisco 4.
At Tacoma—Tacoma 4, Butte 3.
At Seattle—Seattle 0, Aberdeen 9.

WILL GIVE ROADS A HEARING.

Public Service Commission Receives Answer to Men's Complaints.

ALBANY, Sept. 24.—The upstate public service commission undoubtedly will give a hearing on the complaints filed with the commission some time ago by Arthur W. Evans, as state representative of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, against the New York Central and the Erie Railroads. He alleged that the railroads have cut down the number of breakmen employed to operate their trains and that the forces on trains at present are insufficient to provide for their operation with safety. He also charged that the work required of the employes is more than they are capable of doing efficiently.

Both railroads have replied to the commission and enter a general denial. The complaints against the New York Central refers to the operation of the freight trains on the Pennsylvania division.

CORPSE ON COVE BEACH.

Being Held in Morgue For Identification—Body Badly Decomposed.

SOUTH BEND, Sept. 24.—Monday morning the beach patrol of the North Cove Life Saving Station, William Dipkey, found the body of a man on the beach dressed in overalls and a jumper and a leather belt about his waist. Captain Gunderson of the crew brought word to Coroner Overmeyer and William Robertson was commissioned to bring the body here which he did Tuesday. Eleven days before a man working on the Columbia River jetty at Fort Stevens was drowned and word was sent there to hold the body and it is now at Cameron's morgue and will be held until this evening though the body is quite badly decomposed.

LOVED ANOTHER MAN

Murdered Seattle Woman Favored Husband's Chum.

VICTIM'S FRIEND TELLS STORY

Covington and Burilson Missing—Expressman Tells of Carrying Trunk to Beach For the Two Men, Both of Whom Are Implicated.

SEATTLE, Sept. 24.—Less than a month ago, Mrs. Agnes McCombs Covington, whose body was found in a trunk on the beach at Alki Point on Sunday, told Miss Ada Kotkins, her closest friend, that she loved Charles Burilson better than she did her husband and that she did not know what she was going to do.

Burilson is Covington's closest friend. Both men are missing and the police are searching for them in the hopes of securing a solution to the mystery. P. McDonough, an expressman, informed the police today, that about two weeks ago he was summoned to the Keswick Hotel, where the murder is thought to have been committed and removed a trunk to Galbraith dock.

Two men accompanied him and he assisted them in putting the trunk aboard a vessel, which he thinks was the Florence K., which runs to Eagle Harbor, a small town across the bay. The trunk referred to answers the description of the one in which the body was found.

WARRANTS FOR RICH MEN.

Millionaire Lumber Men Charged in Idaho With Defrauding U. S.

BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 24.—Warrants were issued today for the arrest of Summer G. Moon and James L. Barber of Eu Claire, Wis., millionaire officers of the Barber Lumber Company and Horace S. Rand of Burlington, Conn., indicted for conspiracy to defraud the government. They were indicted with Senator Borah and others. They will be brought to Boise at once to answer the charges.



John D. Has a Welsh Rabbit Dream.