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TRY PEONAGE CASES

Bonaparte Confers With District Attorney Stimson.

NOTABLE CASES NOW PENDING

Two Italians Accused of Sending Fellow Countrymen From New York to Swamps in South, Where They are Held in Slavery for Debts.

Washington, Oct. 24.—The New York representatives of peonage crimes in the southern states are to be prosecuted vigorously, and to that end United States District Attorney Stimson, of the southern district of New York, came to Washington today and had a long conference with the attorney-general. It has been found that in the worst instances of peonage, or white slavery, the persons directly responsible were not always southerners and that agents of the system were nearly always to be found in New York.

One of the most notable cases now pending and one which was the subject of discussion today is the recent employment of laborers who were held in peonage on the railroad which is being built virtually in the water, to connect the various keys of the southern coast of Florida. Indictments were found some time ago by grand juries in Florida and New York against a man named Triary of Jacksonville, who is connected with the Florida East Coast Railroad, and an Italian named Sabbia, of New York.

Sabbia is a labor agent who has been carrying on his business under a license issued by a state officer in New York and it did not take the government officials long to connect him with labor conditions which were found to exist on the keys railroad in southern Florida. Triary is a sort of labor agent for the Flagler railroads in Florida. Both men are well known in Florida and both seem to have powerful friends. When Sabbia went to Florida some time ago he was liberally entertained and was by some persons addressed as Count, the impression seeming to be that he was a titled gentleman of aristocratic birth in Italy.

Counsel for Triary and Sabbia and others who were indicted with them have entered a demurrer to the indictments, and arguments on the motions for demurrer are to be held. It is probable that Assistant Attorney-General Russell who has had charge of the investigation of peonage cases in the south will soon go to New York to make the argument on the demurrer. District Attorney Stimson had a conference with Mr. Russell this morning after his talk with the attorney-general and it was arranged that Mr. Russell should make the argument when the case is called in New York.

An effort is to be made by the Department of Justice to break up the band of dishonest licensed agents in New York and to encourage employers of labor in the south to apply to the federal immigration bureau rather than to padrones in New York or elsewhere when they are looking for laborers. In the case of the men employed on the Florida railroad, the offense committed in Florida was peonage proper that is the holding of men under compulsion to work out a debt. The offense committed in New York in the same connection was the virtual kidnapping of laborers for transportation to Florida. The trial in New York, if the demurrer is overruled, will be for kidnapping.

INVESTORS ANXIOUS

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mercantile business of A. L. Levy & Co., at Valdez, paying \$50,000 down and agreeing to pay the invoice price on the stock and for the building October 16. The balance to fall due October is estimated to be \$200,000.

J. C. Martin, cashier of the Reynolds bank at Valdez, who is now in Seattle, is quoted as saying that he was the heaviest creditor of the bank, save one. Although he foresaw the embarrassment of the bank, he had hoped that Reynolds would be able to raise money to pass the crisis, and he left his money on deposit.

Mr. Reynolds says that the assets are ample to meet all obligations. He estimates the liabilities at \$55,000 and the assets, consisting principally of Valdez real estate, are estimated to be worth \$92,000.

Twenty creditors of the Reynolds-Alaska Development Co., whose claims amount to \$75,000, decided at a meeting held at Seattle, to be lenient and to assist Mr. Reynolds in straightening out his tangled financial affairs.

STATE WITHOUT BANK EXAMINER.

CARSON CITY, Nev., Oct. 24.—The fact came to light yesterday afternoon that Jack Marshall, a bank examiner of the State of Nevada, had tendered his resignation to the Governor several days ago; that it had been accepted, and that Major Miller, a well-known resident of Elko County, has been appointed to succeed him in the office. Up to the present time Miller has not qualified for his office, and consequently the state at the present time is without a bank examiner.

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NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

Roosevelt May Conduct His Successor's Fight.

UNUSUAL POLITICAL ASPECT

President Strongly Favors Secretary Taft—Not Since Andrew Jackson's Day Has the Chief Executive Openly Conducted a Campaign for Successor.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Preparations by both parties for the management of the Presidential campaign are well advanced and show the lines upon which the fight will be waged. If Secretary Taft is the Republican nominee, no less a person than President-Roosevelt will be the real manager of the Republican campaign. For more than a year the President has frankly told everybody that Taft must succeed him in order to carry out the Roosevelt policies. It is an open secret that Secretary Taft was the President's first choice as his successor, but after the great financial revelations in New York, the President realizes that the country would be so suspicious of any New York Republican that he dropped Root. The way the President puts it is: "What a magnificent President Elihu Root would make, but what a miserable candidate." Mr. Root is philosophical enough to appreciate the unfortunate situation which cuts him out of the Presidential nomination. He is merely the victim of circumstances.

While, of course, if Mr. Taft is the nominee he will name the chairman of the Republican National Committee, who will nominally manage the campaign, still it is well understood in Washington that President Roosevelt's interest being so direct and immediate, his will be the real directing genius of the fight. This will present one of the most novel spectacles in American politics. Not since Andrew Jackson's day, has a President openly conducted a campaign from the White House for the election of his successor. But as Roosevelt has smashed all traditions, the country will not be shocked by his course in this matter.

As seen from the national capital democratic affairs are now so shaped up as to take the management of that party from the control of the men and influences which have gripped it since 1904. The Belmont-Sheehan crowd forced "Tom" Taggart of Indiana on the Democratic National Committee in that year as its chairman. Taggart's selection was the result of a compromise after a fierce struggle between Belmont and Sheehan for the mastery of the machine organized to support Judge Parker's disastrous fight. Now that the plans are well laid to rid the Democratic organization of the Parker-Belmont-Sheehan-Ryan influences, Taggart will fall. The present intention is to put in his place former Senator George Turner of the State of Washington. Senator Turner's career has run the gamut of American political experience. Born in Missouri, he entered the Union Army as a boy. At the close of the war he settled in Alabama and, although a federal office holder he was never regarded by the Southerners as a carpet-bagger. President Arthur appointed him to the bench in Washington Territory, where he won great distinction, and soon after the close of Arthur's administration the judge entered practice of law at Spokane. In the great schism created in both parties in 1896 by free silver, Judge Turner opposed the cause of William Jennings Bryan and gave him the electoral veto of Washington. The legislature being Democratic in 1897 sent Turner to the Senate, where he almost immediately took his place in the ranks of the thoughtful and conservative members. So well was he thought of that soon after the expiration of his term President Roosevelt appointed Judge Turner a member of the arbitration commission on the long pending Alaskan boundary dispute. In the negotiations at London, Senator Turner won more encomiums from the European press as a statesman of high qualities than did any other member of the commission.

It is given out that the Democratic National Committee will select Chicago as the place for holding the National Convention and the second week in June, as the time. This determination indicates the aggressive spirit now dominating the councils of the party, as the date set for the convention will call the Democrats together ahead of the Republicans. In other words, the Democrats are to set the pace.

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ENTIRE FAMILY ARE SUFFERING

Father and Mother Crippled and Children Ill With Diphtheria with no Food in the House is Appalling Condition of Chicago Family.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—One child dead of diphtheria, three others dying of the same disease, the father disabled with rheumatism, and mother crippled by the loss of an arm, no food in the house or money to buy it—such was the case of misery discovered by the police at 150 Winnebago avenue yesterday. The county agent who was called upon to relieve the suffering family, declared that it was one of the worst instances brought to his attention. The home is that of Alfred Richert, a laborer, who was stricken with acute muscular rheumatism several months ago and had been unable to work. Mrs. Richert, who has lost her right arm in an accident, was unable to contribute anything to the support of the household, and the family was kept alive only by the donations of charitable neighbors. A week ago, Mary, one of the six small children, contracted diphtheria. Medical aid was summoned by the neighbors only after the disease has become fatal. The contagion spread through the home—four dark, squalid rooms in a basement, and three of the children contracted it.

FAILURES HURT STOCKS.

Goldfield Consolidated and Florence Drop Several Points.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—The news of the failure of two Carson City banks caused a strong selling movement in the local mining stock exchange yesterday and all the Goldfield leaders sustained losses. Nearly 30,000 shares of Goldfield Consolidated were sold and the price dropped to \$4.70, a decline of 17

points. Florence lost 20 points and others were lower by 2 to 10 cents per share. Eagle's Nest, of Fairview, was unloaded freely because it was a W. A. Sullivan issue, backed by banker Riekey, whose bank has closed. Tonopah stocks also suffered. The Manhattans were the only steady shares. At the curb trading late in the day, the market approached demoralization, with free offering of stocks and no buying.

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