



DISCREDITS TESTIMONY

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PICTURED AS MONSTER

Chief Counsel for Pettibone Calls Witness Murderer, Bigamist and Perjurer.

FINISHES DIRECT TESTIMONY

Darrow Lays Particular Emphasis on Fact That Orchard Was a Criminal Before he Met Pettibone—Cross-Examination Will be Concluded Today

BOISE, Dec. 13.—Clarence Darrow, for the defense had Orchard, the state's chief witness, on the rack for several hours today, endeavoring to discredit his testimony. The cross examination was rigid and effective in that it pictured the witness as an inhuman monster, murderer, bigamist, perjurer, gambler, thief and incendiary, though Darrow made but little attempt today to make the witness contradict himself. Darrow laid particular emphasis on the fact that Orchard was a criminal before he became acquainted with Haywood, Moyer and Pettibone, and after each question regarding Orchard's crimes, before his trip to Denver, December, 1903, asked, "Did you know Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone," and each time the witness responded, "No." Darrow will conclude the cross examination tomorrow.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 13.—Harry Orchard concluded his direct testimony in the Pettibone trial this morning, with a narration of his arrest, imprisonment and confession. He said he was placed under arrest the afternoon after the murder of Governor Steunenberg by Sheriff Nichols, but was allowed to remain in the hotel one day, after which he was placed in jail. He said he destroyed the letters he had on his person, including one from Jack Simpson and one from Pettibone.

Orchard said he received a letter from Pettibone after his imprisonment. The letter was not signed, but he said he recognized the handwriting as that of the defendant. He was shown a copy of the letter and identified it, but it was not introduced as evidence at the time. The witness then told of his preliminary hearing, at which he was handed over to the district court, and of his conversation with Fred Miller, his attorney, in regard to compensation for his services. The defense objected strenuously to the introduction of this evidence, but it was admitted by the court.

Orchard said he gave Miller an order on Pettibone to pay the attorney all money due him. Orchard was abruptly asked by him how much money he had received from the Federation at various times, and he said between \$3500 and \$4000.

CHARTERS NINE STEAMERS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The Journal of Commerce announces that the American Sugar Refining Company has just chartered nine steamers to bring raw sugar from New Orleans direct to the refineries in New York. These nine steamers will carry among them 40,000 tons of sugar. It is stated that during the recent financial flurry a large quantity of raw sugar was purchased in the South at a very low figure, said to be 25 cents below the present market price. It is to move the sugar thus purchased that the charters have been made.

SELL RESERVATIONS.

Indians Lose Millions of Dollars Through Dead Timber.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The Commissioner of Indian Affairs in his annual report says the Indians lose millions of dollars every year through dead timber on the reservations, especially in the southwest, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs will urge of Congress legislation applicable to all Indian reservations, whether allotted or unallotted, authorizing the sale of timber on the reservations. The Bureau plans to try the experiment giving progressive Indians greater freedom in the management of their allotment so that while their lands are being held in trust they may qualify themselves to transact their own business and thus be prepared to take full charge of their affairs at the expiration of the trust period. The Commissioner says that railroad construction across Indian reservations is now particularly noticeable in the northwest, where industrial development was made a necessity of railroad shipments and building new roads.

DISASTERS TO SHIPPING.

Many Vessels Lost and Much Property During Past Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—General Superintendent Kimball, of the life-saving service, reports that during the past fiscal year the number of disasters within the field operations of the service was 828. Of these 35 vessels were lost. The total value of property imperiled was \$8,832,585; property lost, \$1,396,000; property saved, \$7,432,985. The life-saving stations succored 807 persons. Vessels to the number of 611 were saved, with cargoes valued at \$5,061,235.

ATTEMPT BURGLARY

Saloon Keeper Observes Man Breaking Lock.

CARRIES CONCEALED WEAPON

Prisoner Claims to be Miner From Alaska—Was Prying Lock On Door With Iron Bar—Pockets Yield Revolver and Skeleton Key.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 13.—Attempted burglary of Josephson's dry goods store in this city at an early hour yesterday morning was frustrated by a saloon-keeper on an adjacent corner, who, happening to step out of his place of business at a timely moment, observed a man trying to spring the lock of one of the front doors of the store, by prying upward with an iron bar inserted underneath the door. Slipping quietly back into his place of business, the saloonman telephoned to another part of the city for an officer, and in the meantime the burglar transferred his efforts to a rear door. The officer upon arriving at the scene saw a man walk boldly away from a nearby corner and promptly arrested him. He was positively identified by the saloonman as the man whom he saw working on the front door.

When arraigned in court this morning, the arrested man gave his name as John Skelly and claimed to be a miner hailing from Alaska. His pockets, when searched, yielded a skeleton key and a 45-caliber Colt revolver. He was placed in jail to remain until after the holidays, when he will be required to answer a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. By that time, however, the authorities expect to be prepared to arraign him for attempted burglary. The iron which was used on the doors was found near the store.

Skelly is rather tall in stature, middle-aged, sandy complexioned and is marked with a heavy slate rock scar under his left eye.

LASTED ONE ROUND.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—Jack O'Brien tonight knocked out Bill Heveron, the English heavyweight in the first round.

PERFECT NEW WAGE SCALE

Mine Owners Grant Gompers's Request.

FUNSTON MAKES REPORT

Finds Conditions Worse Than Anticipated and Serious Trouble Probable.

TROOPS NOT TO BE WITHDRAWN

Neither Funston or Sparks Will Yield to Pressure for Withdrawal of Regulars—Women's Club Will Ask General to Keep Troops.

GOLDFIELD, Dec. 13.—After having met and conferred with many citizens in Goldfield today General Funston stated tonight, to the Associated Press, he was finding conditions here worse than he anticipated. "The possibilities of serious trouble growing out of the differences between the mineowners and miners," he said, "are greater than my information prior to coming to Goldfield led me to believe. I have just telegraphed a second report to Washington which is based on the information I have received today."

Funston said he would not advise martial law but said the necessity of patrolling the vicinity of the mines and streets with regulars may become necessary any moment. This statement by Funston settles effectively any question as to the withdrawal of the troops from Goldfield. Neither Funston or Sparks will yield to the pressure being brought to induce them to favor the withdrawal before the arrival of the labor commission from Washington. Tomorrow a delegation of women, members of the Women's Club of Goldfield, will call on Funston to ask that the troops be kept as a protection to their homes.

Delegates from the Goldfield Chamber of Commerce, the Mineowners' Association, and the Goldfield stock exchange will also call on Funston to present the same matter. Tonight there was a well authenticated rumor that a committee of citizens had been formed ostensibly as a volunteer fire and police department in the residence district, but which will be more in the nature of a vigilance committee of early California days. After an all-day session the mineowners' association decided to continue the card system and require all those who go to work to sign an agreement renouncing all allegiance to the Western Federation of Miners. The Federation Miners maintained a more rigorous picketing of the mines in operation today, than yesterday, and guards of the mineowners' association have been more active. It is said the mineowners have 200 strikebreakers on their way here, but strict secrecy is maintained as to the movement of the train and the hour of arrival. A night shift was put on at the Consolidated mines and the guards were doubled tonight.

Secretary Erb, of the Goldfield Mineowners' association announced today that the scale adopted by the association would be withdrawn at the request of the American Federation of Labor for a period of ten days, during which time the association will perfect a new wage scale satisfactory to the American Federation. This arrangement will also affect employees of the Nevada-California Power Company who walked out yesterday. Under the new arrangement they will return to work tomorrow. It also affects carpenters and engineers in the mines. These men are not affiliated with the Western Federation of Miners.

RUEF CONNECTING LINK.

Langdon Says Testimony of Curly Boss is Needed.

BOSTON, Dec. 13.—District Attorney Langdon, of San Francisco, was interviewed about the report that Abe Ruef would be given immunity for his testimony against alleged bribe givers and takers of San Francisco and said: "Abe Ruef is the connecting link in the chain of evidence between the crimes of Gallagher, the chairman of the Board of Supervisors, indicted for bribe taking, and the public utilities corporations, who gave bribes, and although we have much circumstantial evidence against Gallagher, Ruef can give us more. Ruef will receive only the treatment he is entitled to from the prosecution."

QUARTERS ENGAGED.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Contracts were closed with the Auditorium Hotel for quarters which the managers of Taft's candidacy campaign will occupy during the Republican convention. Quarters were also engaged for the managers of Fairbanks interests and for the various state delegations.

THEY ARE SUPERSTITIOUS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—It is expected that the physicians at the Tombs prison will be busy today. One hundred prisoners are due to be called in court for sentence, and 300 more have been notified that they must appear either for trial or to plead to indictments. There is not one of the 400 willing to do so and everyone will make every possible effort to escape appearing before the court today. Most of them will probably claim that they are too ill to appear. The reason is that it is Friday, the 13th.

SHOOTS MEXICANS

American Paymaster of Greene Mines is Slayer.

GREASERS STARTS TROUBLE

Become Abusive in an Eating House and Are Ejected—Return Armed and Break Down the Door and Are Shot by an American Named White.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 13.—A telegram tonight from Concheno, Mex., states that Scott White, paymaster for the Greene mines of that section killed three men in a fight in an eating house. It is reported a party of Mexicans entered the place where the American were dining, became abusive and were ejected by the Americans. The entrance was locked, but a few minutes later the Mexicans returned armed, and battered the door down. The first three men that crossed the threshold were killed by White, who has been locked up in the Mexican prison at Concheno.

WILL RE-OPEN.

Merchants National Bank Will Soon Transact Business.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—President Watson, of the Merchants National Bank of Portland, has had a conference with Controller Ridgeley concerning the affairs of the bank and plans for reopening. It is not deemed advisable to make details of the plans public at this time, but Controller Ridgeley states they met with his approval and if President Watson can carry them into effect, authorization to reopen the bank will be granted. It is believed by the controller's office that the capital of the bank is not impaired and that it is solvent.

President Watson's report of conditions coincides with the preliminary general report made by Examiner Wilson, and as the result of both the controller's office has encouraged the officers of the bank to proceed with their plans for reopening.

TEMPORARY INJUNCTION

Relief Granted Against Bank Wreckers.

TOOK COLTON SECURITY

Barnett as Administrator Placed Estate Monies in the Defunct Bank.

WOULD USE MONEY HIMSELF

Counsel for Contestant of Colton Will Secure Injunction Against Walker and Barnett and the Atlantic Safe Deposit Company of New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A temporary injunction was granted today against the Atlantic Safe Deposit Company of this city and David Walker, president of the California Safe Deposit & Trust Co. and Walter J. Barnett, an official of the same company, both of whom are in custody in San Francisco, for alleged embezzlement, enjoining them from transferring or parting with the securities placed by them in the Atlantic Safe Deposit Company. The injunction was secured by counsel for Helen B. Sacher, a young girl contesting the will of Ellen M. Colton, who died in Washington in 1905. Counsel alleges that Barnett, as executor of the Colton estate, took the will from Washington to Santa Cruz, Cal., for probate and there secured letters of administration with which he removed the securities valued at \$250,000 to the California Safe Deposit & Trust Company. The petitioner charges Walker and Barnett took the securities deposited by them in this city with the intent to convert them to their own uses.

SUPERSTITION CAUSES DEATH.

Workman Fatally Burned and Comrades Injured.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Nervousness and superstition regarding Friday, the 13th, has brought death to one man, probably death to another and terrible injuries to a third. To a gang of workmen on the Third Avenue elevated, Oscar Anderson remarked it was Friday the 13th with 13 men in the gang. Tony Tiznosiski gave a start and his hammer touched the third rail. An explosion followed and a second later his clothes were a mass of flames. Anderson rushed to his aid and was himself perhaps fatally burned. Foreman Daniel Murphey tore the clothing from the pair and was himself terribly burned.

COMPARE RATES.

Testimony Being Taken in Lumber Rate Cases.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Technical testimony adduced at the hearing today of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the cases of the Oregon and Washington lumber companies against the railroads of the Pacific northwest says the rates related particularly to rates paid by Oregon and Washington Lumbermen and compared with those paid by the yellow pine lumbermen to the same points of destination. The rates the lumber producers are forced to pay were offered in testimony and the assertion made that the rates were such as to compel the producers of the Pacific Northwest to close their mills. The line of cross examination indicated the purpose of the railroads to show that the rates were not exorbitant, but really fair and equitable compared with rates given the producers of manufactured lumber in the so-called yellow pine district.

FAVORS CENTRAL BANK.

Former Director of U. S. Mint Believes in Its Establishment.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Geo. E. Roberts, former director of the U. S. Mint, now president of the Commercial National Bank, of Chicago, in addressing the young men's club of St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Evanston, last night, announced he was heartily in favor of the establishment of a central government bank.

"The time has come," he said, "when the United States must follow the example of every other important country of the world and establish a governmental bank. It should be one not antagonistic to the existing national banks, but supplementary to their system, as their crowning head with its capital apportioned among the six thousand national banks according to their capital. The benefits that would accrue to the country from such an institution cannot be estimated."

Mr. Roberts placed the blame for the present panic upon the lack of any legal provision for a sudden increase in the supply of currency.

"I suppose it is too much to hope for any competent and efficient currency legislation by the next Congress," he continued. "It is a large and cumbersome body, and when you consider that there is much difference of opinion among bankers on the subject, it is no wonder that the Congressmen are confused."

DOWAGER QUEEN DYING.

DRESDEN, Dec. 13.—The condition of Queen Carola, widow of King Albert of Saxony, who is suffering from nephritis, is hopeless and the last sacraments have been administered.

BAY SHORE CUT-OFF

Work Nearly Finished on the Coast Line Route.

OTHER PROJECTS IN BUILDING

Klamath Lake Line Still in Course of Construction—Calexico-Yuma Cut-off Will Tap Rich Imperial Valley—No Shortage of Cars.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 13.—

"Work on the Dumbarton cut-off across San Francisco Bay is all done but the driving of 400 to 500 feet of piles on the long trestle and the wait for the arrival of the structural steel for the big draw bridge at Mifflin channel," said Julius Kruttschnitt, director of the maintenance and operation of the Harriman Lines, when discussing the railroad situation yesterday. "We are pegging away down there and going right on with the project, and will continue till it is completed. We are going right on with the building of the line into the Klamath Lake country. That will not be affected by the financial situation. We are going right along with the extension of the line from Calexico on the California-Mexican border down in a big arch that will form a junction with the main line at Yuma, after traversing the new and fertile Imperial valley country. With the exception of the lines I have mentioned there will be no immediate construction work until the financial situation improves."

"There is no shortage of cars now, and there has not been for some time. As for the coal situation there will not be the trouble this winter that there was last."

"There was to have been a line of some twenty miles in length constructed from near San Miguel, on the coast route, up into Stone Canyon, in the mountains of the eastern part of Monterey county for the development of a big coal mine. The mine was being promoted by some people, and the owners had made a proposition to furnish freight if we would build. But they have sold out, and now the project seems to have fallen flat for a while."