



SUBMARINE BOAT INQUIRY

Special House Committee to Hear It.

LILLEY MAKES CHARGES

Said Company Had Men on the Coast Who Visited Chambers of Commerce.

BOATS OF INFERIOR QUALITY

He Declared the Company Did Not Build Boats, It's Only Business Being to Secure Contracts for Boats and Then Sublet the Contracts.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The Lilley submarine boat inquiry was begun in earnest today by a special house committee. Beginning at 10 o'clock the committee continued its work during the latter part of the day. Representative Lilley was heard at length. He began his testimony by reading a long statement, part of which he outlined the charges in detail. Lilley's statement follows:

"I propose to show that for several years prior to the Lesler investigation the Holland Boat Company and its successors, the Electric Boat Company maintained in Washington an organized lobby for the purpose of influencing legislative appropriation in favor of the Submarine boats built by the company and that it had under annual retainer C. E. Creecy, general Eppa Hutton, former U. S. senator Marion Butler, S. C. McNeir, Dr. W. R. Kerr and others.

"That for several years Elihu B. Frost, vice president of the said company, has been a continuous visitor at Washington during congressional sessions and has spent large sums of money in furnishing entertainment to members of congress, his expenses along this line amounting to thousands of dollars.

"That the senate amendment to the appropriation bill of March 2, 1907, was prepared and drafted by the attorney for the Electric Boat Company for the purpose and with the intention to eliminate competition in submarine construction and to prevent the secretary of the navy from exercising any discretion in awarding contracts for submarines.

"That a thorough investigation by an impartial committee will show that large sums of money have been spent by the Electric Boat Company, its officers or agents, contributed to campaign funds of members of congress who favor and have favored the Electric Boat Company monopoly of submarine construction; also that large sums of money have been spent to accomplish the defeat of members of the naval committee who did not favor the Electric Boat Company.

"That an examination of the books and records of the Electric Boat Company and of its predecessor, the Holland Boat Company, will show that large sums of money have been paid from their treasuries for the above purpose.

"That continuous and repeated efforts have been made by representatives of the Electric Boat Company and its predecessors to influence the action of the officials of the navy department and that such efforts in the past were so persistent and notorious as to call for the condemnation and criticism of high officials of the navy department, whose testimony

can be secured by the investigation committee.

"That from 1893 up to the present time these efforts of the Electric Boat Company and Holland Company have resulted in absolutely suppressing any possibility of competition in submarine construction and securing and awarding of all contracts either by specific appropriation or by legislative appropriation, skillfully drawn to this company without possible competition.

"That it can be shown by former investigation before the naval committee of the house upon which no report was made to the house of representatives that the Holland Boat Company and the Electric Boat Company have been engaged in reprehensible efforts to influence members of congress and officials of the navy department in favor of their boats and appropriations therefor.

"That it can be shown upon investigation that certain representatives of leading newspapers have been subsidized and paid by the Electric Boat Company for favorable newspaper articles and reports in behalf of said company.

"If these things are not actually without the pale of the law, they are wrongful practices and tend to throw discredit upon the congress of the United States.

"I cannot be expected to have a presidential knowledge of all these transactions, which if they exist must necessarily remain in the secret possession of the officers and agents of the Electric Boat Company and of those with whom they have conferred in the prosecution to influence congressional legislation.

Mr. Lilley repeated to the committee.

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ENDORSED BY LODGE

Pending Currency Bill Approved in the Senate.

SERVICABLE IN AN EMERGENCY

Said it Did Not Prevent the Enactment of a General Currency Law, Which he Hoped to See Realized in the Future.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Senator Lodge today strongly endorsed the pending currency bill in the Senate and declared it would be most serviceable as an emergency measure and did not prevent the enactment of a general currency law which he declared he hoped to see realized in the future on the basis of a central bank. Senator Painter opposed the currency bill especially condemning the proposition to insure bank deposits. Referring to Depew's recent remarks about the "Night riders" and barn-burning in Kentucky, both Painter and McCreary condemned such lawlessness and denounced the tobacco trusts. The bill to require American supplies for the Panama Canal to be carried in American bottoms was again considered today but was not acted upon.

KILLED BY TROLLEY CAR.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—Seven-year-old Howard B. Gard, who lives with his parents at 437 Avon street, Oakland, was crushed to death under the wheels of a Telegraph avenue car yesterday evening at Telegraph avenue and 49th street. The family recently arrived from British Columbia.

GREEK LETTER SOCIETIES.

CHICAGO, March 12.—Members of fraternities and societies commonly known as Greek letter societies will not be allowed to attend high schools in Chicago after the end of the present school year, according to a rule adopted by the Chicago Board of Education last night. The vote was 16 to 3 in favor of the rule.

HALTED BY AMENDMENTS

Post Office Appropriation Bill Attacked.

LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS

Section Relating to Pneumatic Tubes Amended as Not Confined to Certain Cities.

REFORM SYSTEM OF WEIGHING

Finally a Vigorous But Ineffectual Fight Was Made on the Proposition by Gobel to Increase the Appropriation by \$2,000,000.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The postoffice appropriation bill had rough sailing in the house today. Its progress was halted at every turn by amendments upon which there were lengthy discussions. The attacks were begun on the section relating to the pneumatic tube service which was amended so that the extensions of such service should not be confined to the several cities named in the bill, but that they should be made wherever the postmaster-general may think best. The house was a unit on withholding a portion of the pay from the railroads for transportation of the mails until a correct system of weighing should be established, a provision to that effect being incorporated in the measure. Finally a vigorous but ineffectual fight was made on the proposition by Gobel to increase by \$2,000,000 the appropriation for paying the expenses of railway mail clerks while traveling on the business of the department. The amendment was strongly advocated by Murdock. Still other amendments were in sight when the bill was laid aside for the day.

GUILTY OF MISCONDUCT.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Ellen Von Hagen, whose accusations against Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian, resulted in his indictment, repeated her accusations today. The girl, who is now in the care of the society, told of the nights she spent in Hitchcock's home at Great Neck, L. I., and of her visits to the furnished rooms in this city where the defendant had temporary lodgings. On each of these excursions he was accompanied by either Flora Whiston, aged 16, or Elsie Voecks, aged 12 years. In opening his address today the prosecutor charged Hitchcock with being guilty of misconduct with all three of the children.

FLEET AT MAGDALENA BAY.

SAN DIEGO, March 12.—While no additional word has come by wireless from the South today, and none is expected until well into the night, when the strong light waves of the sun may make way for the either impulses of the wireless flashes, it is believed here at noon that the "American battle fleet," as it has been officially referred to by President Roosevelt, is safe within the island-guarded harbor of Magdalena Bay, and that the 16 big ships are riding at anchor in the blue waters of this most isolated but now most famous of the Mexican ports.

The last word received from the fleet at the wireless station here was to the effect that the ships were off Magdalena, probably a distance of 50 miles or more, and would steam into

the bay as soon after daylight as the steering points of the entrance—Redondo Point, on the south, and Entrada Point, or Sail Rock, on the north—could be picked up by the navigating officers. These sailing orders should at noon have put the fleet into Man-o-War Cove, behind the rocky peninsula leading down from the north and serving as one of the unusual means of protecting this favored harbor. This peninsula also contains the little adobe settlement of Magdalena and the improvised custom-house, which has been opened by direction of the Mexican government to enable traders from the north to carry on business with the officers and men of the fleet, who, for a period of a month or more, are to be practically cut off from the rest of the world.

ROLLING THE IVORIES.

CHICAGO, March 12.—The committee in charge of the National Amateur Billiard championship at the Chicago Athletic Association met yesterday and arranged the schedule for the opening games. As a result of the opponents, Demarest, the present champion, representing the Chicago Athletic Association and Jackson of the Illinois Athletic Club, are paired for the opening for Saturday night. Monday afternoon, Gardner of Basaia, N. J., and Conklin, of the Chicago Athletic Association, are to meet, while Monday Poggenberg of New York, is to play Wright of San Francisco. Tuesday afternoon the loser of the Demarest-Jackson game will play the loser of the Gardner-Conklin match.

ALIA FOUND GUILTY

Slayer of Father Leo Condemned to Die.

PUNISHMENT FITS THE CRIME

Alia's Counsel Claimed That Experts Had Not Sufficient Time, Without Corroborative Testimony to Determine Mental Condition of Prisoner.

DENVER, March 12.—Giuseppe Alia, who shot Father Leo Heinrichs in St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in this city Sunday, February 23, was today found guilty of murder in the first degree. Hanging was fixed by the jury as the penalty. The verdict was announced at 2:45 p. m.

KILLED OVER 2000 STRIKERS.

Machine Guns Used by Chilean Soldiers Against Nitrate Strikers.

SAÑ FRANCISCO, March 12.—Machine guns operated by the government forces of Chile in a great conflict with strikers at the Nitrate beds and in the city of Iquique laid 2500 men low, most of these being killed, according to advices received yesterday by the Norwegian steamer Christian Bors, arriving direct from Chile.

Business at Iquique, which had never before been seriously disturbed by anything but earthquakes, was paralyzed when the great army of workers went on a strike. One fracas after another occurred until soldiers and strikers met in the streets of Iquique and on the outskirts and openly defied each other.

Being ordered to drive the army of men away and disperse them, the soldiers opened fire while they were massed and literally mowed down the men. They had little opportunity to fight back, even though they had been armed, the assault upon them was so sudden.

This took place on January 1 and was followed by two or three days of oppressive gloom in the community, while the funerals of the killed were taking place.

DEMAND UPON DIRECTORATE

Four Stockholders of the Union Pacific.

FOR RECOVERY OF FUNDS

Copies of the Petition Have Been Sent to the Directors by Attorney Waldstein.

STRONG FINANCIAL INTERESTS

Waldstein Who Was Counsel for Stuyvesant Fish in His Recent Attempt to Control Illinois Central, Said Fish Was Not in Movement.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Four stockholders of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, all residents of Connecticut, have made a formal demand upon the directorate of the Union Pacific that an action at law will be commenced without delay for the recovery of funds alleged to have been unlawfully diverted from the treasury of the company. According to Attorney-General Leonard Waldstein, who said he represented the signers of the demands, copies of the petition had been sent to the directors today. Waldstein appeared as one of the counsel for Stuyvesant Fish in the latter's fight for the control of the Illinois Central but he said Fish was not behind the present movement. Waldstein also explained that the action was not to be construed as an attack against Harriman personally. Waldstein said that while but four stockholders only are signed to the petition, powerful financial interests are behind the move. In the petition are contained the allegations that certain officers and directors of the Union Pacific have profited unfairly through the sales of the securities to the Union Pacific. Reference is made to the refusal of Harriman to testify before the interstate commerce commission as to whether the Illinois Central stock sold by him and by Rogers and Stillman had been acquired by a syndicate or pool for the purpose of a sale to the Union Pacific.

WOOD PULP IN CANADA.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 12.—Mr. Lewis of West Huron moved in the house yesterday that an export duty be placed on wood pulp to force the United States mills to come to Canada to manufacture instead of importing Canada pulp wood. Dr. Boland opposed this, saying that there is enough spruce and balsam areas in Canada for Canadian use and export purposes.

SMITHSON COMING HOME.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Forrest Smithson, the world's greatest hurdler, has decided to quit New York. He says he will leave this city today for his home in Portland, Oregon, where he will remain indefinitely. It is doubtful whether he will ever return to New York. Since Smithson came East for the national championships at Jamestown, Va., last year, he has added a world's record and an American indoor record to his credit and defeated the fleetest and best jumpers in the country. Last week at the Georgetown University meet at Washington, he established a new America record over the 50-yard course by covering the distances in

5 2-5 seconds, or 2-5 of a second faster than it was ever run before.

But his greatest achievement was accomplished at the New York Athletic Club's games Tuesday night. In his boat in the 70 yards hurdle he hung up the mark of 8 4-5 seconds and in his final won easily in nine seconds. The record of 9 1-5 seconds which had stood for 14 years.

What caused his sudden intention to go west is known only to his closest friends and they refuse to divulge it.

SERIOUS CHARGES.

OAKLAND, March 12.—Mrs. Isabella J. Martin arrived here last night from Weaverville in the custody of Detective Hodgkins and was lodged in the city prison. The woman is accused of having concocted the plot to blow up the home of Judge Frank B. Ogden more than a year ago and is also suspected of having planned to destroy the lives and property of other magistrates because she considered them her enemies.

EYE-GLASS VENDERS.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Fraudulent vendors of eye-glasses are over-running New York and are being driven here from other states which have enacted optometry laws within the last two or three years, said E. Le Roy Ryer, president of the Physiological Section of the American Association of Opticians at a meeting yesterday of the New York branch of the society. The association asks for a law to stop the fraud.

ANTI-TRUST LAW

Conference Being Held at the White House.

MANY NOTABLES PRESENT

Change in the Law, it is Expected, Will be Proposed Along Lines Suggested at the Conference of Civic Federation Held in Chicago.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—An important conference was held at the White House last night and in a sense continued today, respecting the amendments to the Sherman anti-trust law. Changes in law, it is expected, will be proposed along the lines suggested at the conference of the Civic Federation held in Chicago a few weeks ago. No concrete results were reached and it is likely that other conferences will be held. Participating in the conference were the President, Secretaries Root and Garfield, Attorney-General Bonaparte, Herbert Knox Smith, Commissioner of Corporations; Former Mayor Seth Low of New York; Samuel Gompers; Victor Morawetz of the Santa Fe Railroad and F. L. Stetson of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co.

TATSU INCIDENT SUBSIDING.

TOKIO, March 12.—The demand of the press and the public of Japan for aggressive action against China in connection with the Tatsu affair is subsiding.

The Asahi, one of the most influential newspapers, discusses the matter at length and urges the government to seriously consider the moral side of the case, and not to press China to extremes. It thinks that Japan should exercise greater vigilance concerning the export of arms destined for the use of insurgents against a friendly government.

This view is gaining ground, and it is understood that the minister of war, General Terauchi and Vice-Admiral Saito, minister of marine, are opposed to aggressive tactics. The British Minister, Sir Claude Macdonald, has held lengthy conferences with Foreign Minister Hayashi.