

PERJURY, FRAUD AND BRIBERY BY LAND SWINDLERS LAD BARE BY CONFESION OF ONE OF THEIR TOOLS

J. A. W. Heidecke went to Albany by appointment with S. A. D. Puter and the latter offered him money to go with Special Agent Loomis into township 11-7, make a pretense of investigation into the spurious homestead entries and then sign false affidavits that these entries were genuine.

Puter and Tarpley, the Witness Declares, Under Oath, Bribed Him to Perjure Himself in Order That Conspirators' Frauds on Government Might Be Accomplished.

Climax of the Federal Court Hearing Reached With the Admissions Made by the Man Who Says He Furnished False Affidavits for Inspectors Loomis and Ormsby—Puter Shaken Out of His Confidence.

All past sensations in the land fraud trial were cast into the shade today when one of the paid tools of the conspirators told the court the story of the shameful story of perjury, fraud, bribery and artifice by which the crime laid at the doors of the defendants was achieved.

When J. A. W. Heidecke sold himself the second time to S. A. D. Puter and his fellow conspirators, the price of his honesty was \$50. The money was paid to him in the form of a certificate of deposit in the Wells-Fargo bank, to the order of Emma L. Watson.

The bribe was first offered to Heidecke by Dan Tarpley and with the promise that he would receive it when the work was done.

Heidecke did as the conspirators desired, and the certificate of deposit was then sent to him by S. A. D. Puter. The certificate reads as follows:

\$50. No. 15395. Account. WELLS, FARGO & CO. BANK. Portland, Or., Jan. 13, 1902. \$50. Emma L. Watson has deposited with us two hundred and fifty dollars payable to the order of self on return of this certificate properly endorsed.

STOESSEL ASSAULTS JAPANESE POSITION

Futile Attack on Captured Hill by Russians is Reported.

ENTIRE RUSSIAN ARMY AT MUKDEN TO ADVANCE

Kuropatkin Said to Have Held Council of War and Decided on Immediate Campaign.

(Journal Special Service.) Tokio, Dec. 2.—A report reached here today that last night General Stoessel hurled nearly his entire force forward in a valiant but futile attempt to capture and recapture 303-Meter hill, but was repulsed with heavy losses.

It is also reported that General Stoessel is fortifying the heights between Liao Chang and Nantushan, thus increasing the belief that the Russians will make their last stand there.

It is officially reported that 17 officers have been killed and 44 wounded in the field, presumably at Port Arthur. The finding of sailors among the Russian fleet, and among the ships in the harbor.

This feature gives much satisfaction to the Japanese commanders, inasmuch as it shows that there will be no heavy naval conflict in connection with the downfall of the fort, as had been expected. It has been believed that when the last fighting took place the Russian fleet, and emerge and die fighting.

The fact that so many of the Japanese battalions have been robbed of their heavier guns, which have been installed at various points on the land around Port Arthur to assist in the reduction of the fortress, has made the ships under Togo a less formidable factor than they would otherwise have been in the event of an attempt on the part of the Russians to inflict a last blow before going down.

It is now the opinion of many that when the fortress falls the Russian ships will be destroyed at their anchorages.

There have been no statements made here as to the losses in the fighting at Port Arthur, but a dispatch from Chefoo says that at least 15,000 are supposed to have been killed.

MOB IS AFRAID OF JAPANESE WORKMEN

(Journal Special Service.) Los Angeles, Dec. 2.—Appeals that a beleaguered gang of Japanese workmen was about to be attacked by a mob at Glendora came last night to influential Japanese in this city. The Japanese, who are all from Los Angeles, are lying in trenches of their own making about the Beckwith packing house in Glendora, and are prepared to fight for their lives. They refuse to be driven out of the place.

The owners of the packing house were notified that unless the Japanese leave the packing house will be burned. The Japanese, who arrived a few days ago, were ordered to leave, but paid no attention.

OREGON'S TAX LOSS \$385,000 A YEAR

Assessor Strain of Umatilla County Suggests Revision of Laws.

MONEY ON DEPOSIT AND INSURANCE GO UNTAXED

Franchise of Corporations and Business of Express Companies Also Escape Assessors.

Pendleton, Or., Nov. 30.—To the Editor of The Journal.—The complaint of special agents of Oregon who investigate that subject, I find that all of the states have experienced the same difficulty.

The property tax system such as we now have worked very well during the pioneer days, when property consisted mainly of real estate and livestock. But modern industry has developed a vast amount of invisible or intangible wealth, which cannot be reached by the property tax system.

Many states have recently made much progress in exposing these invisible forms of property to the view of the assessors. They have found that in order to do this it is necessary either to substitute state authority for local authority, or else to reinforce local authority by state aid.

Intangible property consists of money, credits, franchises, life insurance, investments, good will, patent rights, etc. It was estimated by George Clapperton, special agent of the United States industrial commission, in his report to them, that one half of the wealth of a modern state consists of personality, the bulk of which is intangible. And yet the assessment rolls of Oregon show that this intangible wealth constitutes less than 7 per cent of the taxable property.

Money on Deposit. Massachusetts has probably more money deposited in banks than any other state. She taxes deposits up to the bank direct, levying one half of 1 per cent on average deposits in lieu of all other tax on deposited money.

Such a tax in this county would produce about \$10,000 revenue per annum, for the combined deposits of our five banks are not less than \$2,000,000. Allowing one half of this for duplications, there would yet remain \$1,000,000 subject to taxation.

But under our method of listing money to individuals, I have discovered only \$200,000 of this, while \$800,000 has escaped me, resulting in a loss, approximately, of \$2,000 annually.

H. H. Beckwith peremptorily told the Japanese laborers that they must leave the packing house would be burned. Wednesday the Japanese had not left, and an angry mob gathered and marched down upon the packing house.

Out of the darkness there appeared an impromptu detachment, over which peeped gun barrels. The Japanese were ready. The packing house was under the guard of two special officers. The mob drew off suddenly and disappeared. Yesterday the threats were renewed, and Beckwith again notified the Japanese to leave, but they are still entrenched.

ATTEMPT TO KIDNAP WALTER B. HARRIS

Tribesmen in Tangier Seek to Emulate Bandits Who Carried Off Perdicaris.

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When the Perdicaris case was settled, it was thought by many that action of this character on the part of the mountain bandits would be at an end, especially in so far as entering the premises of prominent residents was concerned. At the conclusion of the arrangements for the release of Perdicaris and his companion representations were made both by the British government and the United States to the Moroccan authorities which were of a nature calculated to do away with the endangering of the lives of residents of these countries.

PRESIDENT DECLINES TO USE GOOD OFFICES

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, Dec. 2.—President Shafter, of the Amalgamated Association, accompanied by Representative Kennedy, of Youngstown, O., had a conference with the president this morning and requested him to use his good offices to bring about a conference of employers and striking employees of the Carnegie steel plant at Youngstown. The president declined, but said he hoped the matter could be amicably settled and advised the labor leaders to consult with Labor Commissioner Wright. It is probable that Wright will appoint special agents to investigate the conditions at Youngstown.

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He declines to give the name of the Portland attorney who gave him the Portland newspapers. S. A. D. Puter, without a ruling by the court that that attorney's evidence is necessary. He says: "If Henevy had been as active in preparing his case as in making public his correspondence with me in garbled form I would now be present in Portland as a witness."

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MRS. GILBERT DIES VERY SUDDENLY

Aged Actress Carried Off by Paralysis in a Chicago Hotel.

GRANNY HER LAST PART IN FAREWELL TOUR

She Was Famous in Augustin Daly's Companies and About to Retire.

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Dec. 2.—Anne Hartley Gilbert, the veteran actress, died at the Sherman house at 10 o'clock this morning of paralysis. She was playing an engagement at the Powers theatre in "Granny." The present tour was to end her stage career. A number of theatrical friends were at her bedside when she died. She was in her 84th year.

Shortly after she arose this morning. At first it was thought that the fatigue of travel and hard work had simply caused her to be indisposed, but within a few minutes after it had been reported that the actress was ill she was found in her chair suffering from a stroke of paralysis. A physician was quickly called and pronounced the stroke fatal. Mrs. Gilbert died within a few minutes after the physician arrived.

Mrs. Gilbert was born in Rochdale, England, October 21, 1821, and had been on the stage 68 years. For years Mrs. Gilbert was known to American theatre-goers as their favorite stage "grand dame," "elderly spinster," "mother," "grandmother" and "mother-in-law." Her father was a well-known English journalist, who died when his daughter Anne was in her 15th year. The same year Anne made her first appearance on the stage as a ballet dancer in a now almost forgotten London playhouse.

George Henry Gilbert, at one time a favorite English stage dancer, fell in love with the pretty Lancashire lass, and in 1846 Anne Hartley became Mrs. G. H. Gilbert. Gilbert and his bride danced in London and on the Norwich circuit until 1849, when they came to America. Mrs. Gilbert continued as a solo dancer until 1857, when she began playing leading "old woman" characters. Mr. Gilbert died in 1868. Three years after his widow joined Augustin Daly's company and remained until Daly's death 30 years later. Since then she played with Charles Frohman's companies. Her first appearance as a star was in 1871.

GIRL AT POINT OF DEATH FROM HAZING

(Journal Special Service.) Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 2.—Intense indignation exists among the heads of the leading families of this city at the astonishing revelations made in regard to the initiation of a dozen young women into the Phi Kappa Theta society, a local high school secret body. One of the girls now lies at the point of death, and four others are in a state of nervous prostration. The facts brought to light surpass in details the hazing as practiced by male students in any part of the state.

One by one the candidates were led into a room, where the first thing they saw was a hot branding iron held by a girl wearing a heavy black mask. The victim was held and ice rubbed up and down her spine, while her head was wrapped in a black cloth. To create the delusion the victim's flesh was really seared, the hot iron being held against a beefsteak and the fumes generated by the searing process were admitted to reach the victim's nostrils. The victims were deceived completely and many of them fainted.

When revived they were put through a second terrible ordeal. Each candidate was shown a plate filled with squirming angle worms and told she would have to eat them. Then the girl was blindfolded and, while members of the order screamed in delight, she was fed hot mescaline.

RUMOR OF PADDING PAYROLL AFLOAT

Checks for City Engineer's Employees Held Up for Investigation.

LIVELY INQUIRY AT COUNCIL'S NEXT SESSION

City Auditor Refuses to Pay Warrant and Clerk Shannon Erases It from His List.

There were 13 names on the list of inspectors sent by the city engineer to the executive board who are alleged to have been employed for November. The last name on the list was that of E. Shrake, who was certified to have worked 24 days in the No. 10 class at the rate of \$2.50 a day, entitling him to \$60. When the list came before Mr. Goldard, of the executive board, he is said to have inquired whether Shrake was not in the \$7 1/2 a month class. To this A. M. Shannon, chief clerk of the city engineer's department, is said to have answered that the proper number of days could be credited so that the amount could be brought up to that standard. In this respect he received no encouragement.

When City Auditor Devlin got an inkling of the affair he sent word to the city engineer that owing to the statement that had been made about the Shrake matter he would be obliged to call upon Shrake to swear to the correctness of his alleged account against the city before he (the auditor) would certify to it for payment. At this the chief clerk took up the payroll, erased the name of Shrake from the list, on the ground that it was all a mistake. Now there are an even dozen names on the list instead of 13, as it originally was sent from the city engineer's office.

All of the officials directly or indirectly involved are extremely reticent about the whole affair, and decline to speak about it either for publication or office use. Nevertheless the rumors of it have never got out have created a decided sensation, as opening up great possibilities for graft. In stuffing the payrolls of the city engineer's office it is recalled that once before the city auditor declined to certify the engineer's payrolls unless the people on it would swear that they had worked the time credited to them. It was then rumored that men were carried on the rolls who either never did any work or only worked part of the time credited to them, and for which the city was charged.

At least one member of the city council has taken the matter in hand and