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LAND CASE POSTPONED AND GRAND JURY RECONVENED TO INDICT, IT IS SAID, SOME OF THE BIGGER SWINDLERS

TRIAL OF LAWSON TILL APRIL

LAWSON BEATS 'EM

Prosecution Has the Land Fraud Cases Put Over on Reason Withheld.

Turns Rising Market and Puts Bulls to Rout on 'Change.

GRAND JURY CALLED TO MEET MONDAY

CALLS GREENE'S BLUFF AND WINS A POINT

To Indict Men Higher Up Before Statute of Limitations Forbids May Be the Purpose of Its Meeting.

Copper Magnate Changes Mind About Denouncing Lawson When Latter Proposes to Meet Him in Street.

Once more the prosecution of the land fraud cases has been productive of a sensational surprise. To the utter amazement of the throng of witnesses and spectators who filled the federal courtroom this morning, expecting the commencement of the second trial of A. D. Puter and his co-defendants, the government moved a continuance of this and all other pending land fraud cases "for reasons which cannot now be disclosed" until the April term of court, and the continuance was promptly granted.

United States District Attorney John Hall then moved that the federal grand jury be directed to reconvene next Monday and an order to this effect was immediately entered.

The postponement of the land fraud prosecutions was wholly unexpected by the general public, and even the attorneys for the defense had only an intimation of the government's purpose. Evidently the decision to ask a continuance was reached at the last moment. For, although the trial of Puter and his co-defendants had been in progress and a small army of witnesses had been subpoenaed, and only a few days ago the government's attorneys declared their intention of bringing the prosecutions to an early conclusion.

Grand Jury Oath Significant. But though there will be no more land fraud trials at this time, the government has not abated the energy of its efforts to bring to justice those who were implicated in the stealing of the public domain. The reconvening of the grand jury at this time is extremely significant. Many of the witnesses brought here to testify in the trial of Puter and his confederates have been notified to appear before the grand jury next week. It is well known that the government expects to secure the indictment of persons who have hitherto escaped the clutches of the law, but who were deeply involved in the frauds.

In his address to the jury in the last case tried Mr. Heney plainly intimated that evidence was to be submitted to the grand jury against C. E. Loomis, formerly special agent of the land department, and S. B. Ormsby, formerly superintendent of the forest reserve, both of whom gave false reports upon the fraudulent homestead entries in township 11-7. He also declared that George Sorenson had been a party to the Puter conspiracy. In addition it is rumored that two members of the state legislature and some other persons well known in the state will be called.

It is quite possible that the postponement of the trial, which was to have begun today in the necessity of obtaining new indictments before prosecution is barred by the statute of limitations. It would be impossible for the grand jury to hold its investigations while the land-fraud trials are in progress, as either would demand the entire attention of the government's attorneys.

Court Proceedings Brief. The proceedings in court this morning were very brief. Judge Bellinger had scarcely taken his seat upon the bench when Assistant Attorney-General Heney arose and said:

"May it please the court, for reasons which the government does not wish to disclose, but which are regarded by the government as sufficient, we wish to ask a continuance of the conspiracy case and all other land fraud cases for the term."

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) New York, Dec. 14.—Thomas W. Lawson turned the tide of the stock market today after a very desperate encounter with the Amalgamated-Standard Oil forces and the prices at the close show a loss.

The following message, sent by Lawson to President W. C. Greene of the Greene Copper company, was one of the principal factors in the movement of the market.

"Mr. W. C. Greene, on board 10 a. m. train New York to Boston: 'Your wire that you would be at my State street office at 2 p. m. received. As you seem anxious to do your business in public I will meet you at the time named in State street in front of the Old State House and I herewith notify you that I will do all the denouncing that will be done.'

"THOMAS W. LAWSON." This message was handed to President Greene just as he was said to be on his way to the depot to take the train for Boston. As soon as he perceived it he seemed to have changed his mind of making a hurried journey to the old city and denouncing Lawson in his own office.

Greene Changes His Mind. Mrs. Greene said: "I do not intend to make a fool of myself and will not be agged on by Lawson to go to him. I was hot when I said it. The episode is closed as far as I am concerned."

As a result of the heavy fluctuations in the market of late the failure of the firm of G. Schumacher, an old institution, was announced. The liabilities are not yet known. It is said, however, that Mr. Schumacher's firm was very long on the stock directly attacked by the Boston broker.

Losses Today. The following table shows the losses at the close of the market today, as compared with that of yesterday:

Table with columns: Amalgamated, Alchison, Sugar Refining, Smelter, Anaconda, Rock Int. com, St. Paul, Erie, Manhattan, Canadian Pac., Katy, Missouri Pac., Pennsylvania, Southern Ry., So. Pacific, Union, Steel, Ontario & West. Columns include Today, Tues., and Loss.

The market this morning opened generally lower, but it soon transpired that the Amalgamated-Standard Oil interests did not propose to allow the Lawson crowd to have their own way. In large numbers and there was a sharp advance all through the lists. Amalgamated opened nearly \$1 higher at 65 1/2 and early went to 66 1/2. On the influx of 66. Near the close on Lawson telegrams and the selling by his friends the market showed a sudden slump and all of the early advance was lost and more, too. Before the Standard Oil people could recover Lawson's friends had smashed the price to 64 1/2.



Two Scenes in Port Arthur, One Showing a Great Gun Ready for Action, the Other the Home of a Resident Riddled by Japanese Shells.



John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Who Has Gone to Europe for His Health Under Orders from His Physician.

JAPAN ANNEXES SOUTH MANCHURIA

Correspondent of Rome Paper Tells of Proclamation Issued by Oyama—Heavy Reinforcements and Guns Are Being Sent to Port Arthur—Assaults Are Apparently Abandoned.

(Journal Special Service.) Rome, Dec. 4.—A Tokyo dispatch announces that Field Marshal Oyama has issued a proclamation provisionally annexing southern Manchuria to Japan. The dispatch also states that 5,000 Japanese troops have been landed at Pigeon Bay to reinforce the Japanese attacking army at Port Arthur. The reinforcements are supplied with a number of quick-firing guns and new trenching machinery.

These facts, the correspondent says, can be taken to mean but one thing and that is that Stoen's resistance is proving much more effective than was expected at the time of the taking of 103-Meter hill. It was then freely predicted that the stronghold would in its entirety be in the possession of the Japanese before the end of the week. The repeated losses sustained by the Japanese in their attacks have led to a more cautious plan, as shown by the quantities of trenching tools sent forward. It is not believed here in Tokyo that another general assault may be expected for many days, and perhaps weeks. The Russian Baltic fleet has been so divided in its sailing to the east that the Japanese are confident that Togo will be able to meet the different squadrons as they come and annihilate them with comparative ease.

TEARS TINGE THE SMOOT HEARING

Former Wife of Mormon Apostle, Now Dead, Tells of His Plural Marriage.

AGAINST HER PROTEST HE IGNORED MANIFESTO

Gave as Reason that Woman Was Engaged to His Brother Who Had Died.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, Dec. 14.—With tears streaming down her face, Mrs. Fred Ellis, a former wife of Abram Cannon, an apostle of the Mormon church, now deceased, told the senate committee in the Smoot hearing this morning of the plural marriage of her husband to Miss Lillian Hamlin after the issuance of the manifesto prohibiting polygamy, and against the protest of the witness.

PIGEONS ARE BARRED FOR CARRYING OPIUM

(Journal Special Service.) San Rafael, Cal., Dec. 14.—Pigeons are classed as contraband at San Quentin. Guard Edward Watson did not know this, hence he is now wandering somewhere in search of a new job. Watson passed two live squabs through the lower gate to a convict and Warden Tompkins, upon hearing of the affair, called Watson forward, and explaining that even squabs might be full of "dope," gave him his walking papers.

CRASHING OF GRAIN RATES

(Journal Special Service.) Louisville, Ky., Dec. 14.—The interstate commerce commission met here today to take up the charges of unjust discrimination and undue preference in grain freight rates in favor of Louisville on shipments to and from points east, north and west of this city. The defendant roads are the Norfolk & Western, Chesapeake & Ohio, Chicago & Alton, Big Four, Mobile & Ohio, Louisville & Nashville, Southern, Illinois Central, Baltimore & Ohio, Southwestern and the Pennsylvanias.

MITCHELL IS NAMED

Succeeds Late Senator Hanna on Interoceanic Canal Committee.

SENATE LAYS TIMBER AND STONE BILL OVER

Senate Committee Impeaches Judge Swayne—Forster's Bill for Rainier Park Improvements Passes.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Dec. 14.—At the opening of the senate today the announcement was made of committee changes to take effect December 15, and Senator Mitchell of Oregon was given the chairmanship of the interoceanic canal committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Hanna, the former chairman.

Senate Passes Bill. The senate today passed Senator Forster's appropriating \$15,000 to improve the Rainier National park, \$5,000 to erect additional suitable buildings at the New Duganess lighthouse station and \$6,000 for the Pattery post light.

Timber and Stone Act

The house public lands committee today by a vote of 10 to 4, agreed to postpone the bill which passed the senate to repeal the timber and stone act.

Speaker Cannon of the house this morning appointed a committee of seven to draw up articles for the impeachment of Swayne, and Palmer of Pennsylvania was made the chairman. The committee with Palmer at its head appeared in the senate at 1:30 o'clock, was formally announced, and officially impeached Swayne. President Forster assured the committee that the senate would take proper steps in the premises in due time. The committee then withdrew.

ASSASSIN BERTHOUD

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, Dec. 14.—Sazonoff, who threw the bomb which killed Von Plehve, was sentenced to penal servitude for life and his accomplice, Sibirsky, was given 20 years' imprisonment.

MANY ELECTION FRAUDS

(Journal Special Service.) Pueblo, Col., Dec. 14.—A special from Grand Junction, Col., says that 25 indictments for election frauds have been found by the grand jury.

ETERNAL FLOWER BURBANK'S NEWEST

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Dec. 14.—Luther Burbank has succeeded in creating a beautiful everlasting flower, which he considers his greatest achievement in the floral line. It is an ever-blooming flower, one that after it has been plucked will remain radiant for all time, winter and summer alike.

PORTLAND IN A PLIGHT

Light and Power Shut Off Because of Fire at Oswego.

INCONVENIENCE WAS SLIGHT AND SHORT

Dressing in the Dark, Failure to Find Toilet Articles, and Walking to Work Extent of Troubles.

Portland took breakfast in the dark this morning, that is in those houses where the General Electric company is depended upon for furnishing light. An electric wire pole caught fire at Oswego at 5 o'clock this morning and played havoc with the city's forenoon, commercially and otherwise.

A blaze which destroyed a lot of old buildings in the village was waded by the winds until it reached the pole, and within a short time one of the main wires was down. This threw the General Electric company's entire system out of commission and Portland was in darkness and practically without the water facilities until 10 o'clock—five hours after the accident occurred.

The main power house of the General Electric company is located at Oregon City, and the current is transmitted to Portland over a large system of wires. Only one of 36 wires was down, but the management was compelled to cut out all on account of the danger the repairing crew would encounter working among them alive. The break was a bad one, a good deal of delicate splicing being necessary to bring the separated ends together.

Locate the Break. Secretary S. G. Reed at once started men to locate the break and remedy it, and the current is transmitted to relieving the uncomfortable situation by temporary measures.

All the power in the steam plant on Twenty-first street was called for and distributed among the places which were fitted for that particular current. The arc lights in the business district were kept alive and some of the street car lines were able to run. Thanks to the fact that the old City and Suburban and the Oregon Water Power and Railway companies have steam plants, the Washington line was not delayed for a great length of time, and on the east side there was no line inconvenienced until the bridge was reached.

Very Hard on Boomer. The larger hotels had their own plants to fall back upon, but as a rule the rooming-houses were in total darkness, and the early risers had to feel around for their clothing and get into it as best they could. Many a man and woman appeared at the office with uncombed hair and an unfilled stomach. They had walked down town, too.

At the big department stores it was reported that less than half the employees were on time, the explanation being that they had started from their homes at the usual hour, but had been unable to connect with a streetcar, and finally had to make a run for business. The Journal was without power to operate its huge battery of linotype machines, which are run exclusively by electricity, until after 10 o'clock, and secured the necessary current at that hour only after Secretary Reed had shut down the heights car line and converted the power to the office.

There was no serious accident as the result of the disturbance, but the shoemaker Annie Larsen came near running into the Burnside bridge and wrecking a span of the structure. Lumber-laden, and in tow of the tug Norma, she was coming up the river. The draw of the bridge was covered with street cars, unable to move. The tug whistled for the draw, but to comply with the signal was impossible, the front wheels of one car having slipped on the draw and the hind wheels on the mainland section of the bridge. It was a case of plunging the car into the river to move the draw. Meanwhile the

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HUMBLE OIL FIELD TURNS TO VOLCANO

(Journal Special Service.) Houston, Tex., Dec. 14.—The Humble oil fields, 17 miles north of this city, are a total wreck, due to subterranean convulsions, which turned the deep wells into veritable volcanoes. Some of the stones, mud and lava were hurled 1,000 feet into the air and fell over a territory of a mile in all directions. The destruction of property is almost total and will reach \$50,000.

MORE RIOTS

Odesa Revolutionists Hold the Police at Bay for Two Days. (Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, Dec. 14.—It is gener-

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ally admitted here that revolutionists promise great trouble should the war continue. The reservists are constantly receiving revolutionary printed matter, and wherever drafts are being made ill-feeling is shown against the officers.

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