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BLODGETT SUPPORTS ROOSEVELT

Convicted Murderer From Prison Cell Supports President in His Controversy Over Animal Stories With Jack London and Dr. Long

Slayer of Alice Minthorn Says That He Has Hunted Big Game for Forty Years and Novelist's Yarns Are Most Damnable.

President Roosevelt is not without one supporter in his controversy with Jack London, and another "nature" writer, George L. Blodgett, the convicted murderer of Alice Minthorn at the Van Nooy hotel on March 23, 1906, who is held in the county jail pending the decision of an appeal to the supreme court, has written the following defense of the president's stand regarding London's stories:

"Being somewhat of a wolf hunter, bear trapper, horse wrangler, pathfinder, a pioneer of the sixties and a big game hunter, I have had a most excellent opportunity to study the habits of wild animals of this country as any man in the north-west, and I have this much to say: that President Roosevelt is right in his criticism of Rev. W. J. Long's and Jack London's animal stories. And I think they are some of the most damnable stories I have ever read. They almost make the old hunter's blood run cold, who has tasted the fruits of nature and has come through the hardships of a hunter's and trapper's life.

"Literature a Disgrace.
"I have had a good opportunity during my confinement in the county jail to read a good many of these stories in the last year, and I think it is a disgrace to the country that the public should be allowed to read such literature. Being a hunter of large game, such as buffalo, caribou, moose, elk, deer, bear, wolf, cougar and having trapped all kinds of wild animals through Montana, Idaho, British Columbia and Alaska, I have seen all kinds of game killed by other animals.

"But in all my travels through hills, mountains, swamps, timber and brush, I never saw one animal killed by being bitten between the front legs, and I think it is almost impossible for any animal to be killed in that way. The wolf always bites the back of the neck until it has its prey at its mercy, and then it attacks the throat until the animal is dead. The wolf begins to devour the hind-quarters. I have seen hundreds of calves, sheep, goats, horses, and deer killed by wolves from Great Falls, Montana, to Pierce River, British Columbia, one of the best wolf countries in the northwest. The eastern slope of the Rocky mountains in the early days was an ideal spot for the wolf, with its cuts, banks, coolers, high hills, canyons, brush-lined streams, high grass, lakes and swamps.

"Bears Will Run Away.
"Now I will tell you my experience with the bear. The grizzly bear is supposed to be the worst of all, but I have never seen one yet that would not run from a hunter unless he had a gun. A bald faced bear is not seen by many hunters, as he generally is found in the highest mountains. The cinnamon bear and black bear are very often killed by hunters. The half-breed bear is the worst of all. They are about the color

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BUILDERS DEMAND MORE WORKMEN

Unions in Frisco Told to Get Needed Men or Open Shop Will Be Established.

(Journal Special Service.)
San Francisco, June 13.—Local capital and interests connected with the building industry have been unionized to meet the abnormal conditions imposed by the union labor. The movement began about the time of the action of the Builders' exchange in appointing a committee to work at the strike of the carpenters and plumbers, for building material for one year's time.

"Large estates and other property owners have been insisting since the construction on the open shop basis in case the unions are unable to furnish the necessary amount of labor. One representing \$5,000,000 of immediate construction work, and including some of the city's largest capitalists, have agreed to shut down work on the workmen needed to rebuild the city, and the fact that the unions will not permit an increase of the body of laborers by allowing nonunion men to work without intimidation and violence.

"One of the reasons that there are but 35,000 available workers and that reconstruction demands 80,000.
"Local building interests have brought about the organization of a syndicate of outside capitalists, who will advance \$10,000,000 within the next month, to be used in construction on the open shop basis only.
"Another combination in the building line is composed of contractors and material men who favor the open shop plan, and agree to build or furnish material on that principle only.

INDORSES ROOSEVELT



GEORGE L. BLODGETT.

MRS SCANDAL IN CANADIAN MILITIA

General Dundonald Forced Out of Army for Exposing Conditions.

(Journal Special Service.)
London, June 13.—The Daily Mail says: "News of the retirement of Lieutenant-General East Dundonald has caused no little sensation in army circles. He is a distinguished soldier who commanded the Canadian militia from 1902 to 1904. His mounted force was the first to enter Ladysmith in the Boer war."
"A Mail representative asked him the reason for his sudden retirement. He answered that he had not retired voluntarily from the army, in which he had served since a boy of 17, not because of age, nor because the promotion board did not think him worthy of promotion, as he was promoted last year, but because he was practically 'turned out' of the Canadian militia for calling attention to the appointment of officers. This corruption is bound to destroy the efficiency of soldiers," he declared.

AOK AND ROOT HOLD SECRET CONFERENCE

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, June 13.—Ambassador Aoki and Secretary Root had a secret conference this afternoon about the Pacific coast trouble. Neither would make a statement.

FRISCO IRONWORKERS RETURN TO FOUNDRIES

(Journal Special Service.)
San Francisco, June 13.—The ironworkers' strike was settled this morning and the men will go to work in the foundries. About a thousand men were affected by the strike.

METCALF PARTY IS ON POTOMAC RIVER

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, June 13.—The Metcalf party is steaming up the Potomac on the Dolphin, passing Indianhead, Maryland, at 9 o'clock this morning.

Close of School at Barlow.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Barlow, Or., June 13.—A successful eight months' term of school has been closed here with a picnic given by the teachers to the families and townpeople. Miss Pearl Applegate of Salem was primary teacher and Miss Gustava Randall of Oregon City was principal.

FURNITURE TRUST IN AIG

Nine More Dealers Plead Guilty Today and Are Given Small Fines—Others Expected to Beg Mercy of the Court and Tell All They Know.

That Frank F. Freeman, attorney and assistant secretary of the Northwest Furniture exchange, and other leading lights in the furniture trust, will throw themselves upon the mercy of the court and plead guilty to having operated a combination of restraining trade and restricting sales is the belief of those who have been watching the trend of affairs in the trust investigation the past few days. This was inferred from the fact that many of the leading members of the Northwest Furniture exchange have pleaded guilty and are ready to testify against their former confederates.

"With the overwhelming amount of evidence that these men could furnish in behalf of the government, it is believed that Assistant United States Attorney James Cole would have little difficulty in convicting the indicted dealers. In addition to the testimony that would be furnished by those who have already been fined, Mr. Cole has a mass of documentary evidence against Freeman and the rest that would weigh heavily against the defendants if they carried their cases into court.

"Nine more of the exchange pleaded guilty this morning, and was fined the customary \$25. Eight other dealers, three of whom were second-hand dealers, also pleaded guilty and were fined. All except the second-hand men were fined \$25. The three small ones each paying \$10 into Uncle Sam's coffers.

"A. F. Stearns and C. L. Chenoweth of Yoncalla were the only ones to enter an appearance for July 10.
"The following were fined \$25 this morning: Abbott & Church, Art Furniture Manufacturing company, H. Gordon, all of Portland; W. W. Hollingsworth, Newberg; E. F. Winkler, Medford; John Weiss, Garvina.

ORCHARD INTENDS TO COMMIT SUICIDE AFTER CONFESSION

Trembling From Head to Foot, Assassin Tells of His Fear of Death and His Desire to Tell His Crimes—Attorney Miller Employed by Murderer Personally, Not by Federation.

(By Hugh O'Neill, Special Commissioner Oregon Journal and Denver Post.)
Boise, Idaho, June 13.—That critical hour long looked for in this Haywood trial has been reached when "Jack" Simpkins, the "missing link" in the defense's chain is brought to the front of the stage. This morning Lawyer Richardson broke into with a rush the partnership that existed between Orchard and Simpkins for the last three months of 1906. For a few minutes, with a torrent of questions the attorney sought to take the phlegmatic Orchard from his feet and commit himself, but it was a hopeless undertaking. Orchard simply became more dogged.

Orchard and Simpkins left Wallace, Idaho, together. The state says they went to Caldwell to accomplish the death of Steenbergen. The defense says, so far as Orchard is concerned, yes; but Simpkins, no—he was organizer of the Western Federation of Miners on his usual trip of inspection to the mining camps of Idaho. And Simpkins did go to Silver City in November. But Orchard would not have it so. He interrupted Richardson to tell that Simpkins made the trip to Silver City to establish an alibi in preparation for the contemplated murder.

"In Caldwell Together.
"The records produced in court show that Orchard and Simpkins, using aliases, were together in Caldwell the day Steenbergen was murdered, and the witnesses have testified to their presence some days before the murder. From the prosecution's side it is clear. Yet should "Jack" Simpkins step into the court room one morning and take the witness stand the clouds would clear and a smashing blow could be struck the state in a vital part. Simpkins could clarify the situation for Haywood. He could tell a logical story. It would appear reasonable to that hard-headed jury that is watching every moment the demeanor of the chief witness for the state.

"With an address not noticeable in his previous work, Richardson has been clearing the way for just such a situation to this case. He has questioned Orchard seemingly with something of this kind in view and he cross-examined the state's witnesses that preceded Orchard to show that Simpkins paraded Caldwell and made no attempt to hide.

"Simpkins could explain his presence at Caldwell on the route to the off-mine camps of Idaho; he could tell of Orchard's bitterness toward Steenbergen because of the latter's opposition to his fear of something happening and his hurried departure from Caldwell and his realization of his wife and daughter, Miss Emily Ayres, was miles from the scene of the tragedy. The defense has not given up hope that Simpkins will come forward for love of his former master in the federation and suffer himself to be arrested. Simpkins is now in the wild territory in the northern part of Idaho.

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ASKS \$100,000 FOR BEING SNUBBED



Above is Mrs. Elizabeth Fairfax Ayres, wife of the "war chief of the Twelfth," whose picture is in the center. Below is Miss Ayres.

ARMY SCANDAL AT WEST POINT

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, June 13.—Declaring that she had been basely slandered by Colonel H. L. Scott, superintendent, Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Howe, commandant of cadets, Lieutenant Colonel S. C. Mills, inspector-general, and Captain L. W. Olyer, assistant inspector of tactics, all of West Point military academy, Mrs. Elizabeth Fairfax Ayres, wife of Lieutenant Colonel Ayres of the United States army, has prepared suits against the officers named for the sum of \$100,000. Mrs. Ayres' suits are based upon the order of the officers that she be barred from the academy grounds at West Point and letters attacking her which have been written to the president.

"Behind the trouble which led up to the damage suits, friends allege, are jealousy of Colonel Ayres' military position and the social success of his wife and daughter, Miss Emily Ayres. The order barring Mrs. Ayres from the academy grounds was made while Colonel Ayres was in the Philippines. Upon his return he was very indignant over the affair and is backing up every action his wife is taking against the authorities of the school.

"In the charges against Mrs. Ayres, given as excuse for excluding her from West Point the officers declare that she attacked Captain Olyer and slandered the officials of the United States from the "overcoat incident" on Easter Sunday. Some of the cadets loomed shivering girls their overcoats on that day when it turned unexpectedly cold, and the commandant ordered that the shelter be taken away from the visitors and the cadets punished. One of the maidens refused to give up the coat she was wearing and it was alleged that this girl was Miss Emily Fairfax. The attack of Mrs. Ayres on Captain Olyer is alleged to have occurred shortly afterward.

RECOGNIZES THIEF IN RICH MERCHANT

(Journal Special Service.)
Galveston, Tex., June 13.—A prominent and respected citizen of Houston was confronted yesterday by John T. Dickey, who positively identified the merchant as one of two train robbers who held up a train and robbed the express company of about \$25,000 18 years ago.

"Dickey was the Wells-Fargo express messenger on the Houston & Texas Central line, and the holdup took place on the night of September 24, 1889, 10 miles south of Fort Worth. Two robbers did the work, and for half an hour the express messenger was face to face with the man who robbed the express car while his companion covered the engineer and fireman and messenger with guns.

"The robber, who emptied the contents of the safe, lost his mask while ransacking packages and gazed and joked with messenger and trainmen. Dickey made a study of the man's features and voice, and declares that he could recognize either the man who robbed the express Texas for 18 years, and, upon entering the store he was astonished to be greeted by the train robber.

DOGS KILL BAND OF HARRISBURG SHEEP

(Journal Special Service.)
Harrisburg, June 13.—Sheep killing dogs nearly annihilated a band of over 30 head belonging to Mahlon Hawk, who had been pastured about two miles north of town Monday. He purchased them Saturday last and had hopes of making something on his purchase, but the dogs killed and wounded nearly all, and but about six are expected to live.

MUST PUT FENDER ON ALL CARS

District Attorney Manning Notifies Manager Fuller of the Portland Railway, Light and Power Company to Comply With Law

Failure on Part of Company to Comply With Request After 30 Days Means Prosecution and Fines Ranging From \$50 to \$100.

Fenders must be affixed to all street cars operated in the city of Portland within 30 days according to the dictum of District Attorney John Manning of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company will be subject to the strict enforcement of the law will be taken by the district attorney as a distinct and separate offense, subject for the first violation a fine of \$50 and for every subsequent offense to a fine of \$100.

Law Is Laid Down.

In a letter written by the district attorney this morning and forwarded to F. J. O'Connell, manager of the railway company, the law is laid down and notice is served that from and after 30 days from today the law must be complied with. In the letter the district attorney states that he does not wish to ask anything unreasonable and for a period of 30 days to allow the fenders, but he makes it plain that the present equipment is entirely useless and that he intends to enforce the law.

Cars Must Have Guards.

"Section 1. Every street car run, operated, or used on any street car line in the city of Portland, Oregon, shall be equipped with brass, steel or iron fenders, or guards, shall be provided with good and substantial aprons, fenders, or guards which shall be constructed so as to be firmly attached to the front end of each car and extend out in front of the front platform, or front end of such car, not less than two feet, and the fenders, or guard, shall not be more than three inches above the rails, and such aprons, fenders, or guards, shall be built or constructed so that the motorcar, or other person in charge of such car can drop the front end of such apron, fender, or guard onto the track so as to prevent any person from being thrown down and run over by, or caught beneath, or under such car. Provided, whenever, in the judgment of the mayor, and the members of the common council of any city or town incorporating under the laws of this state, it shall be deemed for the best interests of the residents and inhabitants of any such city or town, that the aprons, fenders, or guard hereinafter provided for, another approved design of apron, fender, or guard, said mayor and common council may so determine.

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POLICE WILL HOLD DOWN LID

Mayor Lane Will Assist District Attorney Manning and Sheriff Stevens in Making Portland Dry All Day Next Sunday.

John Manning's lid will be tight fitted to the city at midnight Saturday next and from the stroke of 12 the sheriff of Multnomah county and the chief of police of Portland will sit side by side with the district attorney on the covering.

"Today notice was served on every person or firm in Portland engaged in selling liquor, whether saloon or hotel or other place, that from and after Saturday night at midnight the state law would be enforced by the district attorney. Today also District Attorney Manning sent a letter to Mayor Lane asking him to assist in the enforcement of the Portland police in seeing to it that the law is obeyed.

"Mayor Lane announces it is his intention to assist Mr. Manning in every way possible, and will at once issue instructions to the chief of police to direct the police to arrest any person found violating the law as outlined in the state statutes between the hours of midnight on Saturday and midnight Sunday.

"Deaf Bar to All Protesters.
"In spite of the continued protests filed with the office of the district attorney by those affected by the Sunday closing edict Mr. Manning stands by his guns and contends that it is his intention to follow out the law to the letter. Yesterday and today again besides men sought out the district attorney and besought him to compromise by which the saloons, hotels and restaurants would be allowed to remain open at least part of the day. No satisfaction was given, however, and the same answer was returned to all.

"Public sentiment has demanded and now demands that the law be enforced," said Mr. Manning. "And I intend to see to it that it is enforced."
"After a conference with Mayor Lane it was decided by the two officials that the city and county government would cooperate in the enforcement of the law within the corporate boundaries of Portland. It was determined, according to a statement regarding this phase of the question, that the mayor formally requesting his assistance in securing the cooperation of the police department.