



PHILLIPS PUT CONTAMINATED HYDRANTS OUT OF BUSINESS

Probing of the Hydrant Controversy Reveals Fire Department Inspector's Financial Interest in Local Foundry.

Special Dispatch to The Journal.

Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 19.—Elbert Dickson, a highly educated man and former member of the Illinois state legislature, is now on his way back to his old home in Illinois, in the custody of a deputy sheriff to answer to charges of larceny and forgery.

The crimes alleged to have been committed by Dickson, and partially acknowledged by him, were committed in Williamson county, Illinois, over two years ago. As a member of the state legislature, Dickson gained the confidence of the people of Williamson county and used it, it is alleged, to defraud farmers and stockraisers out of sums totaling nearly \$40,000.

Dickson's alleged plan of operation was to purchase beef cattle, for which he is averred to have received worthless checks on the First National bank of Goreville, Johnston county, Illinois. It seems that Dickson carried on his operation with the greatest care and he selected as the time of his purchasing tours a time when weather was bad and the country roads were very heavy; his reason for this, it appears, was to give him time to get his cattle to the bank at Stonefort, Ill., where most of the men whom he is charged with victimizing did their banking.

Arrest Warrants Secured.

When these checks were sent to the Goreville bank, on which they were originally drawn, they were turned down by the cashier of that institution, with the information that Dickson had withdrawn all of his money, and in addition had transferred all of his property.

It soon became the full state of affairs was discovered by the stockraisers' warrants for the arrest of Dickson were drawn out and the officers at St. Louis were wired to arrest him, but they were too late as it was found that Dickson had fled the state, and he had been shot and decapitated. Then it was that a thorough investigation was started to ascertain the extent of Dickson's operations. It was found that he had victimized many victims in Johnston and Union counties, the latter at the time being his home county. He was a teacher in a schoolhouse at Brush Prairie, 12 miles from Vancouver, where he and his son, Dickson, were principal of the school and teacher of the grammar class, while his son had charge of the primary grades.

Wanted Money Aged.

Dickson stated to Sheriff Sappington that when he left Illinois, his pockets filled with his ill-gotten gains, he went to St. Louis to place his money in a safe, and he was there for some time, and for whiskey, according to the latter all the blame for his downfall.

When asked as to the report that he had been shot and decapitated, he said: "I never saw any man who was shot and decapitated. I never saw any man who was shot and decapitated. I never saw any man who was shot and decapitated."

Prominent Illinois Man Is Arrested on Charge of Securing \$40,000 by Fraud, After a Search Lasting Two Years.

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Union City, Tenn., Dec. 19.—A pall of gloom descended over the defense when the court today adjourned the trial of the night riders charged with the murder of Captain Quentin Rankin.

Around the eight men accused of the brutal lynching had been woven a web of evidence that will defy all efforts to unravel and the decision of the jury is expected to forever quench the spirit of lawlessness that has prevailed in western Tennessee for the past half year.

Taylor on Stand.

Never was there a more dramatic scene depicted than that which occurred when Colonel R. Z. Taylor, his silver hair flowing in his shoulders, broke down completely for several minutes and wept like a child in his recital of the terrible experience of that night when Rankin met his death. Men who grew up with the frontier, who have seen hardships in every form, stern Black Hills men who have never flinched in the face of danger, cried and sobbed with the civil war veteran. During the trial some of the eight prisoners flinched nor was an eye dimmed.

Story of Crime.

The old southerner told how he and Rankin had gone to the Walnut Log house about midnight they were awakened. Masked men filled their room and ordered them to dress. They were taken to a deserted spot half a mile away, but a few feet from a neck of the lake.

Suggested for Comrade's Life.

"They told us they were going to kill us. The leader placed a rope around Rankin's neck.

"Gentlemen, don't kill him," I said. "You can't cheat me out of much. I am 62 years old and have not much longer to live anyway. He is young; kill me instead and let him go. I am not afraid to die."

"When they pulled him from the ground he cried: 'Gentlemen, don't do that, don't do that, you are killing me, you are killing me.'"

Here Colonel Taylor broke down completely.

"When I heard a gunshot and saw a hole in his coat just below the right shoulder, I made a dash for the water and jumped in. I could not swim. When I came up I was on the other side of a log from the men. There was a volley of shots. They were firing at the water. I thought it would never stop."

He then told how he came out of his hiding when the riders left and of his wanderings for two nights, afraid to approach any house for fear it would hold an enemy.

Kept Covered by Tree Moss.

"I could have my direction by the stars," he said. "I wanted to get to Lake County, on the other side of Reel creek. I would have waded through the shallower parts of the lake. Sometimes in water up to my neck, until I reached the Lake county side."

"At daybreak I thought I saw masked men all around me. I soon realized that my eyesight was failing and that they were only trying to scare me with bushes. I waded through the mud into some tall grass, where I beat down the cover."

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TAFT'S RESOLVE IS TO FILL HIS CABINET WITH BIG MEN, BUT TO BAR ALL WHO BEAR ROOSEVELT'S PRIVATE BRAND

Washington, Dec. 19.—United States District Attorney Stimson of New York, so says what has been good authority heretofore, will be attorney general under Taft.

As I telegraphed days ago, Kellogg will not be appointed. Wade Ellis is not available. Wickham of New York denies positively that it will be he.

Stimson's time is on Taft's list as a virtually decided one. He is a Yale man.

It develops that Kellogg was under consideration and at one time practically decided on. It is claimed that Taft was given a hint that if Kellogg's name went in certain senators would object because of his close connection with several trusts as attorneys and that confirmation might be impossible.

Out Most Roosevelt-Made Men.

The most interesting fact that has developed in connection with the cabinet making is Taft's decision not to appoint men who have gained prominence only through connection with the Roosevelt administration. That he has so decided is known. R. A. Ballinger of Seattle is not regarded as in the class of men who are especially promoted when placed at the head of the land department.

With a virtually official statement to the effect that he is not yet decided, Taft intends to have one and perhaps two Pacific coast men in his cabinet. R. A. Ballinger is the man who is especially probably the appointee to the interior portfolio.

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A great, white light was shed on the fire hydrant controversy late yesterday afternoon, when Fred Hensley, manager of the Oregon Foundry company, produced a contract entered into October 18, 1904, between the company and Walter J. Phillips, a mechanic in the fire department, by which the foundry paid Phillips \$100 a month for the use of which Phillips admitted last night that he had never had any legal rights, and further agreed to pay him a royalty of 25 cents on each hydrant which the company should sell. Phillips further reserved the right to himself in the contract to manufacture and hydrants sold to the city.

This document furnishes an apparent motive for the failure of the fire department to accept 150 hydrants of an eastern make until more than six months had elapsed after the date on which the final shipment of the fire plugs had arrived and been delivered to the water department. If Phillips received the royalty which the contract allowed him, it would of course have been in his interest to exclude other hydrants in so far as he could. His position as inspector afforded him an opportunity to delay the acceptance of the fire plugs, as Chief Campbell stated that he relied on Phillips to examine the hydrants and make reports as to whether they conformed to specifications or not.

Phillips Explains Deal.

Phillips asked permission to explain to the fire committee how he happened to make the contract with the foundry. He was sworn and told how he had, while in San Francisco, invented, as he thought, a hydrant improvement. He returned to Portland and after having a sample hydrant made by the Oregon Foundry company demonstrated that it would meet the requirements of the fire department.

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Colorado Southern Changes Hands—Cash Transaction That Involves Millions—Northern Pacific May Get Gulf Outlet at Galveston.

Burlington and thus secure for itself the Gulf outlet at Galveston provided through the Burlington purchase. The Colorado & Southern operates 227 miles of track. It is capitalized at \$48,000,000 and has in stock and about \$40,000,000 in bonds. It is one of the few roads that were able to show an increase of both gross and net in the past year and its common stock was recently put on a par dividend basis. It connects with the Burlington at Denver and runs through Colorado, New Mexico and Texas to Galveston. It extends north from Denver into eastern Wyoming.

Conferees were in progress today in Mr. Hawley's office fixing details of the sale. The statement was made that an official announcement was made issued on Monday.

YOUNG INVENTOR SHOOTS BROKER

Harry B. Suydam Falls Victim of J. C. Lumsden's Pistol.

News: News by Longest Leased Wire.

New York, Dec. 19.—Harry B. Suydam, a well known curb broker, high in Masonic circles and a town council member of Plainfield, N. J., was shot and probably fatally wounded by John C. Lumsden, a young southern inventor, in his offices at 39 Broad street today.

Lumsden declares Suydam had defrauded him and owed him money on an invention that had resulted in the organization of a company of which Lumsden was the former president and Suydam is now secretary treasurer. There were cries of "lynch him" when the police took Lumsden away, but they held the crowd well in hand.

Lumsden was badly used up as the result of the quiet efforts of George Downs, Suydam's clerk, to save Suydam. His derby hat was smashed and he had two bruises on his face, evidence where he had been hit with the butt of the revolver.

Suydam and Lumsden tonight made contradictory statements regarding the shooting. In a statement to Coroner Harburger at the Hudson street hospital Suydam declared that on his fall from the window he saw Lumsden, the latter drew a revolver and shot him twice.

Lumsden, however, in a statement in his cell at the Oak street station tonight was positive in his assertion that he was discharged and Suydam fell to the floor with two bullet wounds in his body.

A contradiction to Lumsden's declaration of self-defense is the statement of the police that 38 caliber cartridges similar to the three expended in the shooting were found in Lumsden's pockets.

THIS IS MIGHTY TOUGH ON HOBSON

President Delivers Epigram at Expense of ex-Hero and Osculator.

Washington, Dec. 19.—President Roosevelt has acquired quite a reputation for epigrammatic characterizations of persons, and things. Today he adds another.

He was talking with a member of the house about the world cruise of the battleship fleet, declaring there was no reason to keep the ships in the Pacific and that they would return to the Atlantic as originally planned. The caller, at this, began to expatiate on the arguments made by a certain southern congressman who has been predicting war with Japan and demanding that the fleet be kept in the Pacific, interrupting the president said:

"Do you know what I think about that congressman? I think that if he had a little more sense he might be almost half witted."

PRESIDENT'S SECRET SERVICE DOCUMENT MAY "NAME NAMES"

Washington, Dec. 19.—President Roosevelt may attempt the "goady" part of practically all secret service work of the movement to incorporate in the sundry civil appropriation bill the paragraph prohibiting a divulgence of names being used for espionage service outside the regular treasury department work of the secret service.

To one caller the president said his reply would occupy a higher plane than congress had assumed, but when asked if he would mention names in justification of secret service work he laughed.

FURTHER SURMISING REGARDING TAFT'S OFFICIAL FAMILY

Washington, Dec. 19.—The dispatch from Augusta to the Cincinnati Times-Star purporting to give the makeup of the Taft cabinet, which was made public tonight of those statesmen who have not already left town for the Christmas holidays, is being received with skepticism about semi-official announcements of cabinets. It was only this morning that the president-elect, in a statement issued at Augusta, announced that Senator Knox was the only cabinet appointee that he had decided upon. Moreover, it is being pointed out here tonight that the president-elect has announced that he will avail himself of the advice of Senator Knox in selecting the remainder of his official family, and has invited Knox to Augusta for the purpose of consulting with him. It is

MRS. MARTIN TAKES POISON

Dynamiter Determined to Cheat the Law but the Doctors Thwart Her.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 19.—Isabella J. Martin, who is serving a life sentence in San Quentin for dynamiting the home of Judge F. E. Ogden, today made an ineffectual attempt to commit suicide in the county jail this afternoon. She was found unconscious in her cell by Mrs. White, the matron of the jail. Medical assistance, promptly summoned, saved her life. The stomach pump was used.

Concealed in Mrs. Martin's muff was found a quantity of pulverized glass and some white powder, believed to be arsenic. This is now being examined by a chemist. Mrs. Martin was at first evasive, but finally admitted she had found a bottle containing this powder in the effects of a woman prisoner named Lily Johnson, who has since been released from the jail.

"They'll never get me to San Quentin alive," Mrs. Martin is said to have declared to Mrs. White when she received the intelligence of her conviction last Tuesday. "I shall never spend my life in a penitentiary."

District Attorney Donahue she made a similar remark, strengthening it, however, with the declaration that she intended to commit suicide. The jail authorities were notified to keep a close watch and it was supposed that every precaution had been taken.

After her return from court this morning Mrs. Smith seemed to be unusually cheerful. She joked with her fellow prisoners and seemed in the heat of spirits. Then she asked Mrs. White for a drink of whiskey and the indignation mistron went to get it. While Mrs. White was out of the room Mrs. Martin is supposed to have swallowed the poison.

When Mrs. White returned she found Mrs. Martin lying unconscious on the floor. After the physician had examined the stomach pump she regained her good spirits and even chatted cheerfully about the incident.

She is said to be entirely out of danger.

REPORT OF N. P. FOR NOVEMBER

Receipts Almost Half Million Less Than 1907—Five Months' Decrease.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 19.—The Northern Pacific today reported November receipts as follows:

Freight, \$4,464,612; 1907, \$4,902,246; decrease, \$437,634.
Passenger, \$1,365,805; 1907, \$1,586,632; decrease, \$220,827.
Total, \$5,830,417; 1907, \$6,488,878; decrease, \$658,461.

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Naval Seaman Drowned.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The navy department received today a dispatch stating that ordinary seaman Luis John Beaumont fell overboard from the Intrepid at Yerba Buena this morning and was drowned.

AN UNWARRANTED INSULT

From the Pendleton East Oregonian.

Who says Umatilla county would be a good place for the circulation of petitions asking legislators to go back upon their pledges? Who estimates the honor of the people of this county at such a figure? Why is such an insult flung at Umatilla county?

The people of Umatilla county have never done anything to warrant such treatment. The rank and file of the people of this county are honest. They have never stolen anything. They do not believe in thievery, either of cattle from the ranges or of political honors from a man after he has justly earned them, as Governor Chamberlain has the senatorship.

At times in the past they have lynched men here because they did not respect the rights of property. The day of the vigilantes is past, but it is safe to say that the people of this county now approve of honesty as much as they did in the days of old.

If the insurrecto leaders in Portland have received information that Umatilla county wants its legislators to go back upon their pledges some one has basely slandered this county. If anyone from this vicinity has sent out such a report he has done so without proper knowledge of the people or else has deliberately lied.

Umatilla county's political record does not warrant such a charge. This county gave Cake a majority over Fulton. Last June it gave Representative Barrett, a Statement No. 1 man, a greater majority than it did any other member of this delegation. Senator Smith, the other Umatilla statement man, was given a heavy majority over his Republican opponent two years ago.

Nor do the people of this county want these legislators to go back upon their pledges. If Representative Barrett were to break the sworn pledge he gave last June the farmers of this county would regard him as a political chouse. They would hang his head in shame because they had chosen such a man to represent them. But there is no danger, Mr. Barrett will not disagree them.

No, this is not a good place to circulate petitions asking legislators to break their pledges. If the insurrecto want signers for their petitions let them go into Portland's north end section. Umatilla county is no place for them.

JOHN REYNOLDS IS FOUND NOT GUILTY

Chehalis, Wash., Dec. 19.—After being out half an hour the jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of John Reynolds, charged with manslaughter for causing the death of George Buckels by running him down with an automobile last spring.

KIERAN HAD ONLY BEGUN

Scheme Embraced Whole of Catholic Church in America.

New York, Dec. 19.—The revelation was made today that Patrick J. Kieran, the fugitive ex-president of the Fidelity Funding company, had planned to become purchasing agent for the Catholic church in America under the terms of this new scheme, which was just being launched when the Fidelity failure occurred. Kieran's private secretary, H. W. Arundel, the assistant secretary of the Fidelity company, both have disappeared and officers with supreme court orders have been hunting them.

This plan of Kieran's became known today after a hearing on the impotency of the funding company before State Court Referee John W. Watrous, receiver, Thomas Gilroy Jr., concluded the presentation of evidence to prove the company's insolvency and Kieran was then taken until Tuesday, when an effort will be made to throw out this claim with other evidence.

Before Referee Watrous, Oiler, Monday proceedings to turn the affairs of the company into the hands of Federal Receiver Robert C. Morris will be resumed. The "Importing and Purchasing Company of New York" was the name of the company which was organized which branched out of the Fidelity in October and was incorporated at Albany in the name of the "Importing and Purchasing Company of New York."

Receiver Gilroy is hot on the trail of Kieran.

BACON TO SUCCEED ROOT JANUARY 16

Washington, Dec. 19.—It has been decided that Assistant Secretary Bacon should be secretary of the White House today that the plans of Secretary Root had not been changed and that he would give up his portfolio about January 16, before he was balloted on the floor of the Senate by the legislature of New York.

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