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LABOR LEADERS SENTENCED TO JAIL

"I WILL BE IN JAIL," SAID FINCH

Testimony of Witnesses in Murder Trial Go to Show That the Slaying of Attorney Fisher Was Premeditated.

Threats made against the life of Ralph B. Fisher by James A. Finch within a few days of the time that Finch sped a fatal bullet on its way were testified to by witnesses before the jury in Judge Bronaugh's department of the circuit court this morning. This testimony, while forecasted in an indefinite way, plainly came as a bombshell into the camp of the defendant.

"The prosecutor double-crossed me. I will get that — — —, just watch me."

This is the statement that B. A. Rounds of Woodlawn, an organizer of the Woodman of the World, testified that Finch made to him on November 25, while they were riding in the smoking car on the way from Woodburn to Portland. They met casually, the witness said, and during a long conversation Finch discussed his troubles, speaking of his suspension by the supreme court and then making the threat, accompanied by an oath.

Added to this was the testimony of Charles Downer, a contractor and builder well acquainted with Finch, with whom the defendant took a drink in Romeisch's saloon just after he had purchased the revolver on the afternoon of November 28 and shortly before he went to Fisher's office. As they parted, Downer said, Finch remarked, "The next time you see me I will be in jail."

Bartender Heard Remark.

Henry Wachendorf, a bartender in the same saloon, heard the remark, he testified, but he could not swear positively that Finch was the man who spoke. For this reason his testimony was excluded by the court and the jury instructed to disregard what Wachendorf had said.

The evidence of these threats supplies to the case of the state direct proof of premeditation, and Finch must break down these damaging statements to give credence to his story of shooting in self-defense. Slowly the prosecution has been undermining the basis of his de-

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WHEELER HEADS FIGHT ON RATES

Man of Cabinet Proportions Employed by Interests in San Francisco.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—It is unofficially announced here that William R. Wheeler, assistant secretary of the department of commerce and labor, has been secured for the position of manager of the traffic bureau of the Merchants' Exchange, a place which will pay the salary of $12,500 annually and and will be one of the most responsible posts of its kind in the country, particularly now, when the shippers of the entire state are uniting to wage war against the increased freight rates announced by the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe.

Wheeler is an authority on traffic matters and is particularly well informed on conditions on the Pacific coast, where he was for many years general manager for the firm of Holbrook, Merrill & Stetson. So highly regarded by President Roosevelt was Wheeler that he is seriously considered as a candidate for a place in the cabinet. Before being made assistant secretary of commerce and labor, he was a member of the federal immigration commission.

HENEY WILL GET PATRICK CALHOUN

Says He Stays in the Fight on the Higher-Ups If He Dies for It.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Dec. 23.—"I am going back to San Francisco to finish Patrick Calhoun, and I am going to stay with the graft prosecution, even if they kill me. What's the difference whether one dies at 49 or 69?"

Francis J. Heney made this statement today when asked what his plans were. Although weak from the wound inflicted by Morris Haas' bullet, Heney professes to have lost none of his enthusiasm. He will not admit that the possible dangers of his position rob him of either zest or determination. "My wife is very nervous about me," he said with a smile. "She fears some other fellow will do a better job next time."

Heney will call at the White House this afternoon in response to a special invitation sent to him by President Roosevelt. It is rumored that he will give the president his views on the utility of the secret service in catching criminals.

HAINS AND HIS CUSTODIAN

The trial of Thornton J. Hains, at Flushing, L. I., has filled a very large place in the public eye since it began. The picture is from a snapshot and shows Hains on the right handcuffed to Under Sheriff Phillips. The picture was taken in Flushing, L. I.

WANT PILOTS AT ASTORIA TO WORK

Chamber of Commerce Preparing Bill to Make Nautical Chair Warmers Perform Real Labor; Also to Trim Exorbitant Fees.

Pilots at Astoria will cease to be chair warmers and will become real pilots ready to do business at all times if the bill now being prepared by the chamber of commerce becomes a law through the act of the coming legislature. The chamber of commerce and the Port of Portland want the pilots at the Columbia river bar to work in harmony with the shipping interests of the river, and in order to secure such a condition of fact will ask the legislature to amend the compulsory feature of the present compulsory pilot law and to reduce the sums paid to these pilots for the work they do. The bill will be discussed by the Multnomah delegation at a meeting which has been called by Chairman Coffey for Monday night at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the Commercial club.

At the present time the Columbia river pilots are under the control of the state pilot commission. It often happens that ships sent out to cross the bar by the Port of Portland make record runs down the river in order to catch the proper times to get over the bar, only to find when they reach the lower river that the pilots will not take the vessel across, thus causing great delay, which is of vital interest, especially when the ship is under a time charter.

Under the new Port of Portland law, which has just been upheld by the supreme court, the towage is to be taken over by the Port of Portland. As rapidly as possible the management of the port will take charge of the towage business, and in order to expedite shipping as much as possible it is desired that the pilots of the lower river shall work in harmony with the towboats of the port.

It is the intention of the new law so to amend the present pilot law that a pilot commissioner working with the Port of Portland will be stationed at Astoria. This commissioner will be in charge of the pilots and will direct their work. He will be the judge of whether or not it will be advisable to take a ship over the bar. He will also keep in touch with all incoming ships and see to it that all vessels inward bound are furnished with pilots as soon as they appear off the bar, which is not now the case. In other words, the Port of Portland desires to eliminate any unnecessary delays in taking ships across the bar either inward or outward bound. To do this it is desired that the pilots be answerable to some definite authority.

One other thing that is contemplated by the new bill is the reduction in the earnings of the pilots now working on the bar. These pilots now make as high as $600 a month, which is considered too great a tax upon the shipping of the port and it is desired to trim the amount to something more reasonable.

The bill which has been prepared by the transportation committee of the chamber of commerce working in conjunction with the Port of Portland will be considered by the Multnomah delegation Monday night. The meeting of the delegation was called by Chairman Coffey chiefly at the solicitation of the chamber of commerce in order to consider the bill.

SHERIFF HAS REAL TRAIN ROBBERS

Hayes and Burkes Virtually Proved Guilty of Express Robbery — Former Makes Statement for Publication Denying Complicity.

All doubt as to the chances of the rival candidates for indictment for the robbing of the O. R. & N. train near the city limits last Thursday night seem to have been determined in favor of Burks and Hayes, the two men held at the county jail.

This morning a watch sent by Hayes to Mrs. Ida Heffron, of Seattle, was recovered by the sheriff and returned by the Seattle postal authorities. Although it has not yet been identified as having been stolen from the express car it is believed by the officers that it is part of the jewelry taken by the three bandits.

Hayes, the suspected leader of the trio, made a long statement to the newspaper men this morning in which he gave a good part of his life history, denied that he knew anything about the train robbery, but admitted that he had served a term in a penitentiary in a middle west state for daylight burglary.

"The Swede," as the third member of the gang is known, is believed to have left the city with a portion of the plunder. The railroad detectives are confident they will arrest him within a short time.

Woman's Part Mystery.

What part, if any, Mrs. Heffron plays in the affair, is thus far a mystery. She is supposed to have lived with Hayes at the Densmore, 2501 First avenue north, corner of Lenora, in Seattle. They quarreled, according to Hayes' statement, and he struck her. The police in Seattle are said to have had a warrant out for his arrest on the charge of striking her since last June, when Hayes says he was chased by a policeman, shot in the leg and slightly injured, and made his escape by running through the Great Northern tunnel and beating his way to Tacoma.

Hayes denies vigorously that he knows anything about the murder of a Chinaman in Tacoma.

Today is the first time that Hayes has shown any willingness to talk. He was called out by a deputy sheriff and as a matter of form asked if he would pose for his picture. He surprised everybody by saying he would and by saying he wanted to make a statement. He shaved, combed his hair, washed himself and then posed for the newspaper photographers. When they had finished with him he went into the jailer's office and before Chief Deputy Archie Leonard, who had arrested him, and the reporters he gave his story, telling first how he happened to leave Seattle.

Why He Left Seattle.

"I had a good home in Seattle, and was keeping house. I was working on the waterfront, had a business of my own there and was making good money. I had trouble with a woman, however, through no fault, either, of hers or mine. A butt-in friend tried to do us a service, and things kept going from bad to worse, until finally our home broke up. I tried to make it up again, but we met one day on the corner of First avenue North and Virginia street and had some hot words. I struck the woman with my fist in a fit of insane jealousy.

"A policeman saw me and started to arrest me. I ran and he chased me and began shooting. He struck me in the

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GIVING GOMEZ CHANCE TO SETTLE

Holland Calls Off Dogs of War Pending Development of Policy by Castro's Successor — Castro Pretends Wild Rage.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Dec. 23.—The state department admitted today that the battleships Maine and North Carolina are enroute to Venezuela.

The Hague, Dec. 23.—An unofficial statement of a member of the Dutch foreign office says the fleet that is now patrolling the Venezuelan coast has been ordered to suspend hostilities and give Acting President Gomez an opportunity to show whether he desires peace.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Cipriano Castro, the deposed president of Venezuela, is furious with rage.

He has received by cable a copy of the proclamation of Acting President Gomez, announcing his overthrow and warning him that his property has been confiscated and that if he attempts to land in his own country he will be met and arrested on a charge of embezzling public funds. This proclamation is signed by eighty prominent citizens of Venezuela.

This news that his countrymen had finally risen against him transformed him into a wild man. He raved so loudly that he frightened the patients in the remote parts of Dr. Israel's sanitarium.

In his transports of anger he declared his intention to hire German experts to lay out a plan of campaign against the rebels. He swore that he would fit out a large army and would return at its head to face the situation and crush the sedition. He said he stood ready to sacrifice the greater part of his private fortune to do this.

Castro's big talk is laughed at here. His warlike intentions are discredited, and it is common talk that, with large sums of money deposited in different continental banks, he has no intention of ever going back to Venezuela, and never had.

To his associates, Castro has ascribed his misfortunes to the alleged interference of the United States, which, he declares, connived with the Dutch to bring about his overthrow.

BURNHAM'S DAY OF DOOM COMES

Mutual Reserve President Turns on the Gas and Ends His Troubles.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Dec. 23.— The insurance scandals are believed to have claimed another victim in the suicide today of Frederick A. Burnham, former president of the Mutual Life Insurance company.

Burnham ended his life with gas in his apartment on Fifty-eighth street. The circumstances of his death were such that the officers believe it was brought on by worry over the affairs of the company.

The Mutual Reserve was one of the companies which were investigated about the time of the exposures made by Charles E. Hughes, present governor of New York.

Members of Burnham's family declare his death was accidental. About a month ago the receivers of the Mutual filed a civil suit to recover $250,000 of funds he was said to have appropriated to his private use. Five indictments are still pending against him. Burnham was removed from office summarily shortly before the appointment of the receivers.

LIGHT COMPANY VIOLATES LAW

Pays No Heed to New Ordinance Regarding Wires, Poles and Equipment.

Councilman Kellaher at the council meeting this morning called Mayor Lane's attention to the fact that the ordinance regulating the use of electric wires and specifying the kind of poles and equipment to be installed has been violated ever since November 24, on which date it became effective. The ordinance was passed more than a year ago.

City Electrician Savarian reported that none of the requirements of the ordinance are being observed by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. The mayor said he would take steps to see that the law is enforced

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SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS CONTENTION OF STOVE CO.

John Mitchell (Left) and Samuel Gompers (Right), Who Must Suffer for Violating Injunction of Judge Gould.

MISSOURI OUSTS OIL TRUST

State Supreme Court Delivers Body Blow to Rockefeller; Also Imposes Heavy Fine—Governor-Elect Hadley Wins His Long Fight.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 23.—The state supreme court today handed down a decision which ousts the Standard Oil company of Indiana, and the Republic Oil company, perpetually from the state.

The decision also dissolves the Waters-Pierce Oil company of St. Louis.

In addition to the other features of the decision, each company is fined $50,000.

The fight on the Standard in this state has been waged for a number of years. Attorney General Hadley, the governor-elect, was the prime mover in the fight on the Rockefeller interests. He caused a big sensation several years ago by going to New York to take testimony and putting the high financiers of the Standard through one of the most trying examinations they ever withstood.

The Waters-Pierce Oil company for many years was the representative of the Standard in Missouri. Its connection with the Standard was denied steadfastly for years, but proof that it is a subsidiary has been developed in both the state case and the federal suits. The Republic Oil company is a similar concern.

The order to dissolve the water company is effective January 15. Today's decision was the result of a suit started in 1905. Seven judges concurred. Judge Lamm in his individual decision declares the trust ought to be fined $1,000,000. Judge Graves in his opinion says the evidence shows that the water company was taken over by the trust over the protest of the minority stockholders.

PITTSBURG MEN PUT UNDER BONDS

Seven Councilmen and Two Bankers Held for Alleged Boodling.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—President W. W. Ramsey and former Cashier A. A. Vilsack of the Gernal National bank, who have been charged with bribery in connection with the councilmanic scandals in this city, were held by the court today under $15,000 bonds.

These officials of the German National bank tendered their resignations to the board of directors Saturday when it was alleged to have been discovered by the bank examiner that they had arranged to pay large sums to councilmen to secure the appointment of the bank with which they were connected, as a city depositary.

Bank Examiner Nesbitt, who was a witness testified that Vilsack admitted turning over $4400 to councilmen to insure deposits of city funds. Vilsack, he said left the money on a desk. Councilman Klein entered as Ramsey and Vilsack retired. When they returned Klein and the money were gone.

The seven councilmen were bound over to the court with the bankers.

Photographed in the Act.

It is virtually admitted that decoy contractors and promoters operated to trap councilmen and that temptations have been offered members during the last six months.

The entrapping devices even reached the point of photographing in the act, a trick believed to be without precedent in the annals of sleuthdom.

A flashlight photograph of a member of the city council in the act of accepting money from a decoy "promoter," it is said, will be one of the strongest features of the evidence to be presented against the seven members of the council and two former bank officials who are charged with bribery, corrupt solicitation and other illegal acts, brought by the Voters' league.

Just as His Mitt Went Out.

Besides the councilman, the flashlight photograph is said to show an agent for the Hufling Detective agency of Scranton, Pa., which worked up the case. This man is reported to have posed as a member of a firm anxious to sell wooden paving blocks to the city. With other detectives concealed within hearing the councilman is alleged to have been induced to tell of the negotiations to secure the passage of the legislation, to name other members who were to share in the bribe and to say that the members were tired of promises and wanted to see some real money. The detective separated $100 and $500 bills from a large roll and, just as the councilman reached for his allotment, the flash was ignited.

It is believed Mayor Guthrie is back of the exposure. The mayor opposed the city depositories legislation from the first, refusing to make contracts authorized by the council because the deposi-

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APPROPRIATION OF $3000 ASKED

Humane Society Thinks the Legislature Should Aid It in Its Work.

The Oregon State Humane society wants an appropriation of $3000 from the next legislature to aid it in the work which it is doing. The officials of the society have prepared a bill which will be presented to the Multnomah delegation on Monday night for their approval and will ask that the measure be presented to the legislature and if possible passed.

The Humane society people point out that for the ast 20 years the organization has been carrying on its work faithfully and well and in all of that time has never asked the state for aid. Private contributions raised by the ersonal solicitation of the members of the society have maintained the work of the organization.

The work, however, has extended to such wide scope and has become so great that the members of the society feel that they can no longer carry it on in a proper manner without assistance.

It is contended by the officials of the society that its work is on a par with that of other charitable organizations which are now receiving state aid and for that reason alone they feel justified in making the request for an appropriation.

All of the officials of the society work without salary and it is intended to continue this policy with the exception of a state humane officer. It is desired that this official shall make it his business to carry the work of the society into the different parts of the state and part of the appropriation will be used by him in defraying his expenses.

THIEVES ROB STATION IN AGENT'S ABSENCE

Albany, Or., Dec. 23.—The Southern Pacific station, 6 miles south of Albany was broken into and robbed of about $60 in cash last evening between 5 and 6 o'clock. The station agent, on returning to work about 6 in the evening, discovered the theft. The safe had been looted. The work is supposed to be that of a tramp. An axe was stolen from a nearby schoolhouse and with this the window of the station was pryed open. No arrests have been made.

Journal Carriers' Christmas Event.

The annual Christmas meeting of The Journal Carriers' association will be held in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. this evening at 8 o'clock. Fully 200 carriers and ex-carriers will assemble and listen to a program and eat the usual Christmas candies and peanuts. This occasion is an annual affair and is looked forward to by the boys. An extensive program has been arranged and invitations have been issued to the parents and friends of the boys.

GOMPERS AND COLLEAGUES LOSE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Dec. 23.—Justice Wright of the supreme court of the District of Columbia today found President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, and Secretary Frank Morrison and former President John Mitchell of the Mine Workers' union, guilty of having "flagrantly violated" an injunction granted by Justice Gould at the application of the Buck Stove and Range company, fixing their punishment as follows:

Gompers, one year in jail.
Mitchell, nine months in jail.
Morrison, six months in jail.

The case grew out of the publication in the Federationist, the official organ of the labor organization, of statements classing the Buck company as "unfair" and urging sympathizers with labor not to trade with the concern.

In his annual report to the American Federation of Labor President Gompers said he had violated the terms of the injunction and asserted that he did not see how he could do otherwise.

The federation at the Denver convention accepted and indorsed Gompers' report, reelecting him to the presidency of the organization.

Frank Morrison, who has been secretary of the federation since 1897, also subscribed to the statements made by President Gompers, and his report was indorsed.

Gompers, Morrison and Mitchell have been associated with the publication of the Federationist.

Justice Wright's opinion is lengthy and is characterized by such utterances with reference to the defendant's alleged lack of respect for the courts as the following: "Rampant and insolent defiance," "unrefined insult," "coarse affront" and "vulgar indignity."

The three defendants, it was shown, have repeatedly referred to the Buck company as unfair, in violation of the injunction, both in public speeches and

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DRIVEN BY FIRE IN ARCTIC BLAST

Thousands of Scantily Clad New York People Wade in the Snowdrifts.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Dec. 23.—More than 1,000 men women and children were driven from their burning homes early today in the icy, storm-swept streets of Brooklyn during a fire that consumed an entire block of apartment houses. Scores were overcome by the fire and others became unconscious in the biting cold. A heavy snow storm was raging and the streets were deep in drifts that impeded the work of the firemen and rescuers.

Many of the families are destitute but all were provided for by neighbors, whose prompt assistance saved many lives.

The fire started at an early hour and spread with such rapidity that those who were forced into the icy blasts had little time to seize clothing to protect themselves.

After hours of work, hampered by the freezing of water in the mains, the firemen succeeded in bringing the flames under control.

Burning embers caught up by the gale set fire to several big wharves in the vicinity of the blazing block but the smaller fires were extinguished before any great damage was done.

DECISION LIKELY TO BE FOR ANNA

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Paris, Dec. 23.—A decision in favor of the Princess De Sagan, formerly Miss Anna Gould and later Countess de Castellane, in the suit brought by Count Boni de Castellane for the custody of their children is indicated in the address today before the court by Paul Matter, substitute public prosecutor, who expressed the government's view of the case.

After reviewing the shortcomings of the princess and the count, M. Matter said the best arrangement would be to leave the children with the mother, but under the injunction of the court, that a professor be constantly present to protect them from the influence of the prince.

It has been suggested as a possible solution that the children be given to Count Boni's mother, the Marquise de Castellane.