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NOT GUILTY OF CONSPIRING TO MURDER CARMACK

SHARPE ACQUITTED OF AIDING IN ORDER OF CARMACK AND JURY UNDECIDED IN COOPER CASE

COURT TRIES TO FORCE VERDICT

Ex-Sheriff Discharged but Talesmen Are Sent Back to Ponder Over Inability to Reach Decision for the Coopers.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Nashville, Tenn., March 19.—John D. Sharpe, former sheriff, was acquitted today of the murder of the late Senator E. W. Carmack. The jury failed to agree on a verdict in respect to Colonel Duncan Cooper and his son, Robin, with whom Sharpe was a confidant. The court discharged Sharpe and sent the jury back for further consideration of the Coopers' case.

The jury had been out more than two days and during the first 24 hours it was believed there was no possibility of an agreement in respect to any of the defendants.

Judge Hart announced in the beginning that he would keep the jury out a week or more in order to obtain a decision.

The trial has been one of the costliest in the history of Tennessee. The county funds have been exhausted by the heavy drain.

In case the jury is still unable to agree and is finally dismissed, the widespread publicity given the trial will be a serious obstacle in the way of a speedy trial, owing to the difficulty of securing unprejudiced jurors.

The killing of Senator Carmack was the outcome of a long and bitter political feud between the Coopers and Carmack, which embraced many other prominent men of this state.

Originally Carmack was a protege of Colonel Cooper. Later they became enemies, when the former stepped into the United States senate. Carmack frequently assailed Cooper in the columns of a paper which he edited. Following his failure of reelection to the senate a year ago, the immediate trouble preceding the shooting developed from the publication of an article which Cooper had warned Carmack not to print.

Soon afterward Carmack met the Coopers on the street after the discharge of a few words Carmack was shot down by Robin Cooper, who, in his defense, declared that his father had just given a warning to the hands of Carmack.

The jury protested to the court against being continued back to further consider the evidence and told Judge Hart they were hopelessly divided regarding the cases of both Coopers.

Judge Hart, however, sent the jury back and announced his intention of compelling the jury to bring in a verdict if possible.

When the jury announced their finding that Sharpe was not guilty of murdering the former senator smiled, while his wife burst into tears.

On hearing of the dismemberment as to the fate of the Coopers, both their women relatives appeared worn by the suspense.

MAN WHOM COOPERS WERE ACCUSED OF MURDERING



Here is a picture of former United States Senator Carmack of Tennessee and his little son. John D. Sharpe was today acquitted of being an accessory to the killing of Carmack. Duncan Cooper and his son Robin may also escape.

SULTAN ABDUL CRITICALLY ILL

Investigation by the United Press Reveals Condition of Turkey's Ruler.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Constantinople, March 19.—An investigation by the United Press today revealed the fact that Sultan Abdul Hamid II is in a precarious condition and his death in the near future is regarded as certain.

MAYOR REBUKES COUNCIL

Takes Solons to Task for Attempting to Give Away Part of Public Street—Vetoes Ordinance Passed in Spite of Its Known Illegality.

"I want you to understand that this advice to the council is meant in the most kindly way and that I wouldn't think of hurting their feelings," said Mayor Lane this morning.

The mayor this morning, in a copy of his message vetoing one of the numerous illegal ordinances lately passed by the council, declared that the council is in a sorry state and that it is an injustice to the councilmen themselves, and should be discontinued.

"The honorable city council—Gentlemen—I return herewith ordinance No. 1871 not approved."

"This is an ordinance granting to Frederick V. Helman, his heirs, executors, administrators, assigns and assigns the right and privilege of erecting and maintaining an elevated sidewalk in front of and adjoining lot 2 block 14 in Council's addition to the city of Portland in the county of Multnomah, state of Oregon.

"To the ordinance to this ordinance it may be said that a grant such as this inures solely to the benefit of private interests, and that its value is based entirely upon the usurpation of the rights of the people to the free use of the

"HARRY LANE, Mayor."

CHAMBERLAIN ON BIG COMMITTEES

Military Affairs, Indian and Irrigation—Oregon Is Well Provided.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, March 19.—Senator Chamberlain has been given assignments on the Irrigation, Indian affairs and military affairs committees, which are regarded as especially good places.

These assignments come through the committee on committees of the Democrats, which, under the rules of the senate, assigns all Democratic membership, and these are always accepted by the senate without question. These assignments, with those Bourne will get, give Oregon good positions on the committees as any state could possibly hope for.

Chamberlain's experience in connection with irrigation legislation and the general public movement for the reclamation of arid lands recommended him for that committee. Indian affairs will be advantageous from a local viewpoint. Military affairs assignments are always sought by powerful senators because of the tremendous importance in these latter years of military matters.

Chamberlain has accepted an invitation to address the students and faculty of the University of Mississippi at Oxford, Miss., at commencement time.

Tomorrow March 20.—Despite the general public movement for the reclamation of arid lands recommended him for that committee. Indian affairs will be advantageous from a local viewpoint.

ELEANOR AND AUGUST DENY ALL IN VAIN

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, March 19.—Despite the denials of Miss Eleanor Robson, the actress, and August Belmont, millionaire, rumor continues to circulate that the actress, who she will soon be married, Miss Robson, who is appearing here in "The Dawn of Tomorrow," has declared Belmont is "a very dear friend, that's all," but despite the noncommittal remark, her friends assert that her engagement to Belmont is a fact and that a wedding will follow in the spring or early summer.

Belmont's eagerness to refuse to discuss the matter, but is noticed frequently at the theatre and whenever he is present, large bouquets are tossed over the footlights for the popular actress.

HOME PHONES ARE IN NEW HANDS

Portland and Seattle Capitalists Buy Out Los Angeles and Will Consolidate All Allied Interests in the Northwest.

Consolidation under one management of the independent telephone companies of the Pacific northwest is the object to be achieved by the sale of the interests of these companies to a syndicate of Portland and Seattle capitalists.

This means the financial strengthening of the Home Telephone company of Portland and its allied interests, with a large amount set aside for improvements of service and extensions into new territory. It is interpreted to mean an aggressive policy on the part of the syndicate that has taken control. Engineers are already at work drawing plans for \$200,000 worth of improvements for Portland, that sum being now available, and half a million dollars will be expended in the coming year.

ENGLISH SWINDLERS BUILT "PREHISTORIC" CALIFORNIA CITY

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Bernardino, Cal., March 19.—An English swindle is the secret of the lost "Sacred City" recently discovered in the San Jacinto mountains, according to Howard Long of San Jacinto, who is here today.

Long said 25 years ago an Englishman went into the San Jacinto mountains and started to lay out a splendid city. He planned castles, built along the lines of the famous structures of the old world.

Foundations for some of these castles were laid and large blocks of stook in the new city floated by a syndicate of English and Welsh swindlers. Then the promoter of the scheme disappeared.

Long says the British government has been conducting a quiet search ever since in the hope of capturing the principals in the swindle.

Mr. and Mrs. Colt



Russel G. Colt, son of the millionaire head of the rubber trust, and Mrs. Colt who was Ethel Barrymore, the actress, The marriage took place recently in the east.

"CITIZEN" ROOSEVELT ON WAY TO HIS OFFICE



Theodore Roosevelt as a private citizen going to his office in the Outlook building. On Mr. Roosevelt's left is Lawrence F. Abbott, president of the Outlook company. On Mr. Roosevelt's right is Douglas Robinson. This is the first picture published of "Citizen" Roosevelt.

T. R. CLAIMED BY SOCIALISTS

College Graduates Say He Has Materially Advanced Cause.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, March 19.—Ex-President Roosevelt was held up by Socialists as a man who, while president, had greatly furthered Socialism, at the dinner of the Intercollegiate Socialist society at Kahl's restaurant, where the chief speaker, John Spargo, the writer, spoke of Mr. Roosevelt's policies as embodying some of the main principles of Karl Marx. Another speaker was Miss Charlotte Teller, daughter of Senator Teller of Colorado, who said:

"Mr. Roosevelt has to a large extent helped Socialism, and the man now in the presidential chair will, in the next four years, make the work he has done, legal and regular."

The college which contributed the largest number to the audience of students and graduates, chiefly young women, was Bryn Mawr, with 13 present; next came Columbia, Harvard andassar, with 2 each. Harvard had 7; Yale, 6; Princeton, 2, and other colleges 1 apiece.

YALE STUDENTS WELCOME TAFT

Tonight There Will Be a Banquet for Yale Men at the Waldorf.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New Haven, Conn., March 19.—President Taft was cheered by thousands of Yale students on his arrival here today to attend a meeting of the Yale corporation. The local police, aided by secret service men, kept the enthusiastic undergraduates from crowding the President.

The party was driven to the home of President Hadley of Yale, for luncheon. President Taft is scheduled to return to New York this afternoon to attend a banquet of the Yale alumni at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel tonight.

So large an attendance is expected at the banquet that the diners will be confined entirely to Yale men, who will not be able to secure seats for outside guests. It will be the first opportunity a fellow alumnus who is president of the United States. President Taft was graduated from that class of 1875, and a number of his classmates will be at the dinner.

CITY WATER OFFICE CLERKS WILL GET SALARY INCREASE

The city water board this morning rescinded its order by which the salaries of all employees in the water department were to have been raised, in as far as it relates to clerks. The increase will now affect only the chief engineer, the assistant engineer and six deputy engineers. Chief Engineer Clarke's salary is raised from \$200 to \$400 a month, effective from March 1, and that of Assistant Engineer Ranslett is advanced from \$145 to \$175 a month. Five deputy

E. H. APPEARS IN INLAND EMPIRE

Railroad Czar Said to Control North Coast Line—Attalia, Wash., Pivotal Point for Northwest Rail Connections.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Walla Walla, March 19.—Following the announcement by Robert Strahorn that the North Coast is part of some great transcontinental line, comes the statement from a contractor of the line, that it is nothing more nor less than a part of the Harriman system, and will be used as a connection for the O. R. & N. in this part of the country. The connection is made at Attalia and the evidence is conclusive and more plausible than any story as to the identity of the North Coast that has yet been sent out.

Attalia, formerly known as Hunt's Junction, is between Walla Walla and the Columbia river, where the Northern Pacific and the O. R. & N. tracks cross. Here the connections between the North Coast and the Harriman line are already made. The contractor has begun work there, and part is already completed.

Seattle to Spokane. The plan is this, as it came from a close friend of a man who is in position to know, but who for obvious reasons wishes his name withheld. The O. R. & N., by connecting with the North Coast at Attalia, will then have almost direct connections to Seattle, Spokane and points east. The track, coming from Portland, will connect with the North Coast which runs to Seattle. This of course is of little benefit, but the track also connects so that the North Coast from Seattle can use the tracks to Spokane, and also the Harriman tracks east via Walla Walla.

Another possible connection is the terminal of the North Coast, which is to be used as an outlet for the Harriman system to Seattle. That the road will run to Walla Walla has often been assured, and under this plan would do so. It would connect Seattle with Spokane, and the new bridge was necessary in order that the two could be connected, as if it would either have to be built just below Kennewick, where it is, or at Wallula. The former place is more feasible and for that reason was chosen.

John Mangan, a Walla Walla contractor, is building the lap of the North Coast, from the bridge to Attalia, and he has already made the physical connections between the two roads. As to real relations, nothing definite can be learned here. But the statement recently made by Strahorn, in which he said that the road was a part of a transcontinental line, and that its identity would have to be known soon, is taken to substantiate the theory.

It is the most plausible theory that has been advanced, and while no one has ever put it to Strahorn, for the very reason that no one has thought of it, it is probable that he will not deny it. It is the mystery of the North Coast that has been solved, and that the O. R. & N. is "it."

FRENCH STRIKE PROVES COSTLY

(United Press Leased Wire.) Paris, March 19.—(Via London.)—France is face to face with a strike that will tie up the entire postal service and block railroad traffic.

The electricians and railroad employes are threatening to walk out immediately in sympathy with the telegraph and postal employes. It is estimated that the strike is costing the government \$10,000 daily. There have been no disturbances as yet.

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