

VERDICT ACQUITTING BANKRUPT CLOTHIERS SHOCKS GOVERNMENT

Federal Attorney, While Admitting Surprise, Refuses to Discuss Probable Action

CASE WAS PECULIAR ONE

Law Does Not Prohibit Official of Corporation Concealing Its Assets From Trustees.

Though the petition in bankruptcy filed in federal court July 8, 1912, showed that Robinson & Co. possessed assets of only \$22.50 and though testimony was produced at the trial of W. W. Robinson and E. K. Oppenheimer, president and secretary of the company, for the purpose of showing that Mrs. Robinson had purchased Canadian exchange worth \$17,423 the day before the petition was filed, Robinson and Oppenheimer yesterday were found not guilty of a charge of conspiring to conceal the assets of a bankrupt.

This verdict came as a decided shock to United States Attorney C. L. Keene, who prosecuted the case for the government. Though he refused to discuss the verdict today, Mr. Keene admitted that everyone concerned, even the defendants, were surprised.

Case Was Peculiar. Robinson was brought back from Bellingham, Wash., soon after the filing of the bankruptcy proceedings, on a state warrant sworn out before the government took a hand in the case.

One of the peculiarities of the case involved the point of law that it is not a crime for an official of a bankrupt corporation to conceal assets of the corporation from the trustee in bankruptcy; but it is a crime for the bankrupt himself to conceal assets. Inasmuch as Robinson and Oppenheimer were not bankrupts as individuals, so far as the proceedings were concerned, it remained for the government to show that the alleged concealment of the assets was accomplished through some procedure that was criminal under the law. Accordingly, evidence was procured to show that on May 27, 1913, Robinson and Oppenheimer, as directors of the company, called a meeting of directors without notifying anyone but themselves, and that at this meeting they voted Robinson a salary of \$1000 per month to cover 16 months prior to that date. The record of this transaction showed credit on the company's books for \$17,500, which the government contended Robinson had not earned.

Attorney Calls on Reames.

In holding this directors' meeting, the government contended that Robinson and Oppenheimer had committed the crime of conspiracy to conceal the assets. Testimony was introduced to show that the defendants had paid \$1000 in attorney's fees to Fulton & Bowerman, and that this sum had come out of the daily cash withdrawals included in the sum alleged to have been received by Robinson himself testified that he had \$2500 in his possession.

C. W. Fulton, one of the attorneys for the firm members, called his ex-chargé this morning for a conference. Neither would discuss the object of the consultation. Mr. Reames this morning began a study of the proceedings, including the bankruptcy case proper and the criminal action that followed it. He would not say what the object of this after study was.

During the trial the prosecution laid stress on the contradiction between the bankrupt's statement of \$22.50 assets and the testimony showing the exchange of \$17,423 into Canadian money at Seattle, which was deposited in a safety deposit box beyond the reach of attachment. The exchange was purchased, according to testimony, at the Dexter-Horton National bank at Seattle the day before the bankruptcy petition was filed. Robinson conducted the transaction.

WHITE SLAVERY CHARGED

Della Jeffries, charged with violating the Mann white slave act, was placed on trial before Judge R. S. Bean in United States court today. She is accused of having brought Kathryn Travers and Mrs. B. Rybon, known as Birdie Roche, from San Francisco to North Bend and placed them in a resort. The attorney for defense insisted to the jury that he would show the prosecution is a matter of revenge following a fight in which the Jeffries woman was victor.

Many People to See Queen Thelma Go

Royal Party Will Participate in Parade Before Departing Tomorrow Evening On Trip To Advertise Rose Festival. The big "send-off" parade which is being arranged for the speeding of "Queen Thelma" and her "royal" party on the Rose Festival's private car "Iolanthe" tomorrow night, will be in three divisions and will start from Broadway and Madison streets following the formation, which will begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

The first division, in charge of Police Captain Moore, will be headed by a platoon of police and the police band, followed by automobiles carrying the royal party, a big delegation from the Harriman club, another from the United Artists, police and telephone society members, and other organization representatives. The second division, under A. L. Barber, will also have a band and a large delegation of W. O. W. on foot, members of the royal party in automobiles, delegations from the North Bank road, the Electric club, and other organizations. The third division will be in charge of Chief Dowell of the fire department, headed by the firemen's band. Members of the fire department, Ad club, East Side Business Men, Progressive Business Men's club and other organizations, will be in the parade. H. L. Pittock, general director, assisted by George L. Baker, and the Royal Rosearians will act as an escort for the parade. The parade will start at 8 o'clock from Broadway and Madison to Union depot.

EFFICIENCY SYSTEM ALL RIGHT IF FAIRLY HANDLED, SAYS DALY

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They are being discriminated against. The point to the department of public works as an example of how the salaries are increased. Commissioner Dieck is in charge of this department. Prior to December 1 when the efficiency system was adopted a number of these employees were getting from \$100 to \$150 a month each. A number of employees had their salaries raised at that time and now it is proposed to raise them again. Following is a list of some of the employees whose salaries Commissioner Dieck proposes to increase, showing the amount they receive before the efficiency system took effect, what they are getting now and what is proposed.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Former monthly salary, Proposed monthly salary. Includes W. P. Hardisty, J. G. Johnson, A. G. Sparks, C. F. Fisher, L. O. Anderson, J. Brooks, A. F. Morris.

The salaries of 15 other employees of this department are slated for increase in the same manner, the increases proposed ranging from \$5 to \$20 a month.

Employees Are Efficient. In his recommendations Commissioner Dieck says these employees have been very efficient and that in several instances the present salaries of these employees are inadequate.

Even with these increases five employees of the department are to be laid off June 1 owing to lack of funds. These men are known as special inspectors and have been making traffic studies at a cost to the city of \$24 a day. The men to be laid off are Inspectors Hanford, Ayers, Stonecki, Jones and Toomey.

Just how many of the increases will be allowed is not known, as the recommendations have not been submitted to the municipal civil service board for certification. Should the board refuse to certify them the increases will probably not be granted.

BAKERS MAY ORGANIZE

Master bakers of Portland have been invited to attend a banquet to be held Saturday night at the Commercial club as a preliminary to the organization of a branch of the Master Bakers' association, a national organization. No organization of men of this business now exists here, and the object of the dinner is to learn the views of employers regarding one.

New Bridge Is Required. In a communication addressed to the county commissioners today, County Roadmaster J. B. Yeon states that the Sandy Bridge recently wrecked when an auto truck went through it, is beyond repair. The wooden structure is decayed and the entire structure is too weak, he says, to make possible repairs.

HATE IS IGNORANCE, IS WILSON'S MESSAGE AT UNIVERSITY OPENING

Those Peoples Whom We Despise Are Usually Ones We Do Not Understand.

NEW UNIVERSITY OPENED

Methodist Episcopal School at National Capital Will Have \$10,000,000 When It Is Completed.

(Special to The Journal.) Washington, May 28.—President Wilson, flanked by Secretary of State Bryan and Secretary of the Navy Daniels, and surrounded by a throng of thousands, including some of the most eminent Protestant churchmen in the nation, yesterday formally opened the American university. A chorus of hundreds of voices, led by Percy S. Foster, an accompanist by the Marine band, sang "The Star Spangled Banner," as a large naval ensign and the Stars and Stripes were hoisted to the top of a tall mast-hoisted honor, was given as a preliminary ceremony was marked by a cheer from thousands who thronged the green lawn.

President Talks on "Knowledge." The president, praising knowledge, said to the students and faculty, "I have quoted an anecdote of Charles Lamb to show that it was impossible to hate anyone one really knows. 'There are races whom we despise,' said President Wilson, 'and it generally turns out that we despise them because we do not know them. We have not found the same common footing of humanity which touches and deals with them.'"

"The object of scholarship, the object of all knowledge, is to understand, is to comprehend, is to know what is the need of mankind. This is the reason why scholarship usually has been more fruitful when associated with religion; and scholarship has never, so far as I know, been more fruitful when associated with any religion except the religion of Jesus Christ."

"The religion of humanity and the comprehension of humanity are of the same breed and kind and they go together. It is very proper, therefore, that under Christian auspices a great adventure of the mind, a great enterprise of humanity, should be entered upon."

"So we are here setting upon this hill, as upon a high pedestal, once more the compass of human life with its great needle pointing steadily at the lodestar of the human spirit. Let every man who wishes to know come and look upon this compass and thereafter determine which way he will go."

Addresses were delivered by Secretary Bryan and Secretary Daniels, Bishop Earle Cranston, resident Methodist bishop of Washington, presiding. The invocation was offered by Bishop Harding, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Washington, and the benediction was said by Bishop Alphaeus W. Wilson, the senior bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church South.

Bishop John W. Hamilton of Boston, who gave the first dollar toward the university, was present, as was Bishop William T. McDowell of Boston. Scores of other churchmen aided in the formal opening of the doors of the university. It is situated on a site of 100 acres and when completed, it is estimated, will have cost \$10,000,000.

Only two of the buildings of the university have been completed, but it is stated that within a few years all of the 20 structures designed in the plans for the institution will be finished. The university is designed to fill that need voiced by George Washington when he said that there should be a national seat of learning at the national capital.

VETERANS ASK FLOWERS

Flowers are wanted by the Spanish-American War veterans for Decoration day. Members of Scout Young Camp No. 2 of the organization, plan to decorate soldiers' graves Saturday and seek donations of flowers for this purpose from the public. All those having flowers to donate are requested to leave them at Huntley brothers drug store, Fourth and Washington streets by 8 o'clock Saturday morning. Scout Young Camp No. 2, United Spanish-American War Veterans will meet at Fourth and Washington streets at 8 a. m. and go thence to the several cemeteries of the city to decorate the graves of their comrades.

Woman Catches Burglar Suspect

Young Man, Who Had Tried to Enter the House, Was Turned Over to the Police.

Mrs. E. F. Butzer, living at East Forty-fourth and Eschelman streets, Errol Heights, was at home yesterday afternoon when a burglar, a few feet from the house, made the second attempt to rob the home. She caught the young man a block from the house and turned him over to the police. Kelsey admitted in municipal court this morning that he robbed the home last Monday afternoon while Mrs. Butzer was away, taking a phonograph, a watch and a few minor articles. To his father, he explained that a pocket knife was traded for the phonograph, which is valued at \$50. Kelsey returned yesterday to admit robbing the home. Mrs. Butzer heard him trying the front door, gave chase and captured the lad. The boy is 19 years old and the judge will pass upon the case this afternoon.

Witness Testifies To Court's Honesty

Seid Back, Sr., Becomes Reminiscent While on Stand at Trial Before Judge McGinn.

Circuit Judge Henry McGinn was declared an "honest man" in court this morning by Seid Back, Sr., a wealthy Chinese. During trial of the case of James Walton Jr., administrator, vs. John Logan and others, to clear title to some land on Clay street to which Seid Back claims ownership, the Chinese engaged in reminiscence. "Some years ago," he said on the stand, "a plumber beat one of my friends out of \$350 and went to 'Prisco' I went to Judge McGinn and told him of it. He got the man caught, and had him put in the pen for two years. Then we bought a \$150 diamond ring and went to give it to the judge. But he would not take it. Any other man would have taken it damn quick."

The jury lauded Seid Back's testimony on this point was stricken from the records.

McNulty Faction Prevails Here

By denying an injunction sought by L. T. Simpson to prevent Local No. 125, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, from paying dues to the so-called McNulty faction of the organization, Circuit Judge Cleston today decided that the Reed faction is not the legal body and has no right to the name. In this he agrees with a decision rendered by the supreme court of Ohio. The local union for some years past has been affiliated with the Reed faction and has paid its national dues to it. Recently it secured recognition from the McNulty organization and transferred payment of dues to it.

Assessment Due She Shoots Herself

Los Angeles Young Woman Gives Up in Despair When She Can Not Pay City's Demand.

Los Angeles, May 28.—Because she had no money to meet a \$100 special street assessment against the little home she occupied with her mother, Miss Clara Wisdom, 24, shot herself today with a revolver. Receiving hospital surgeons who tried to save her life before that her wound was very serious and that she had but a slight chance. Miss Wisdom's mother told the story to the police. Family funds, she said, were low when the mail brought the bill for the assessment. Miss Wisdom went into her room and a minute later fired a bullet into her right side.

Militia Were Kind to Strikers, Claim

Major Boughton Tells Federal Industrial Commission Militia Did Not Fire Ludlow Tent Colony.

New York, May 28.—That the militiamen were kind to the striking miners in the Colorado coal fields was the declaration here today of Major E. J. Boughton, of the Colorado militia, testifying before the federal industrial commission. He flatly denied that machine guns were used against the Ludlow tent colony and asserted the fire which destroyed the colony was "purely accidental." "The only non-combatant killed at Ludlow by a bullet was a small boy," he said. "And the bullet that killed him came from a squad of strikers. The militiamen took up a collection for the child's father." "The strikers, however, were guilty of many atrocities. One guardman I saw with his body terribly mutilated."

Major Boughton admitted that Lieutenant Linderfelt had but little excuse for assaulting Louis Tikas, a striker.

Issue Regulations For Land Openings

Washington, May 28.—The interior department has sent Senator Chamberlain a copy of the general regulations of May 22 regarding the disposition of applications, filings, and elections of lands in the Paulina, and Deschutes national forests which will be observed in the restoration of such lands to entry June 8. Gill-Net Fishing. Washington, May 28.—Representative Hawley discussed gill net fishing in the Columbia today with the secretary of war and chief of engineers. No solution was reported but Hawley hopes the information he expects from Portland may induce the war department to modify the orders to keep the channel open.

Admiral Evans Hits Dock at Ketchikan

Ketchikan, Alaska, May 28.—The steamer Admiral Evans ploughed through the Northland steamship dock and damaged the dock office at 3 a. m. today. On the trip before last the Evans' engine parts were broken and she laid at Juneau for a week. On her last trip she was disabled above Skagway and towed to Seattle. One man was bruised today when the stairs in the office collapsed. The Evans backed out and proceeded on her way.

Kaiser Has Bad Cold. Berlin, May 28.—That the kaiser was suffering from a severe cold was announced officially today. Owing to his illness the scheduled parade and review of the guards at Potsdam was postponed.

Find Body of Athena Farmer

Louis La Brasche Had Threatened to Take His Own Life, But Friends Scout Suicide Theory. Pendleton, Or., May 28.—The body of Louis La Brasche, Athena farmer who disappeared from the fishing camp at Gibbon last Saturday morning, was found last evening in Boston canyon, about a mile above camp, by a party of searchers. The body was partly in the water. The head was not submerged and the searchers believe he became exhausted, laid down and died of exposure. His friends scout the suicide theory, despite the fact that he had threatened to take his own life. He was 60 years old, and lately had been irresponsible. Camping with him were Mr. and Mrs. James Huggins, of Athena. The body was taken to Athena.



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3 Pounds for 25c

Portland people should encourage the success of this new venture. These Halibut have been out of the water but a few days. Why not encourage this venture and have these fresh Oregon fish instead of stock that has come down from Alaska?

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Hotel Multnomah advertisement featuring a logo and text: A Higher Ideal in dining comes from enjoying the service and noting the standards of excellence maintained in the Arcadian Garden. Hear Countess Edythe von Mayer, operatic soprano, and John Lynch, Irish tenor, who, accompanied by Heller's Orchestra, entertain during luncheon, dinner, and after-the-theater supper. Balloon Night the pronounced hit of the season, will be featured again Saturday night, after the theater, 10:30 until 12; in the Arcadian Garden. To prevent accidents from bursting, the balloons are being filled with air instead of gas. Reserve tables now for this big event.

F.P. YOUNG CO. advertisement listing clothing items and prices: Kayser's Silk Gloves 50c to \$1.75, McCall's Patterns 10c and 15c, \$7.50 Crepe De Chine Waists, Special \$4.48, \$2.25 Lingerie Waists, Special \$1.48, 35c Silk Lisle Hoise, Special 25c, 75c Silk Boot Hose, Special 49c, Women's Summer Vests, Special 15c, Women's Summer Vests, Special 17c, Women's Summer Vests, Special 25c, Union Suits, Low Neck 33-1-3e, Union Suits, Low Neck 65c, \$1.00 and up, Short Silk Gloves 50c, 75c and \$1.00, \$1.25 Long Silk Gloves, Special \$1.00.

Lion Clothing Co. advertisement: Store Closed Memorial Day—Open Until 10 P. M. Friday. Outing Suits, blue serges, foreign weaves, for Memorial Day wear; ready here in a wonderful variety of Norfolks, box backs, patch pocket English, semi-English and conservative models. Everything any man could want at any price any man may want to pay. \$25. SPECIAL—Young Men's \$15 and \$20 summer Suits in many shades and fabrics, \$11 choice tomorrow at. Panamas, straws, shirts, neckwear, shoes and other fixin's ready, in wonderful variety. GUS KUHN, Pres. Successors to Steinbach & Co. Morrison At Fourth. The Store of 100 Per Cent Service.

BASEBALL RECREATION PARK advertisement: Cor. Vaughn and Twenty-fourth Sts. LOS ANGELES VS. PORTLAND May 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. Games Begin Weekdays at 3 p. m. Sundays 2:30 p. m. LADIES' DAYS WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey advertisement: Don't Be Fooled—Get What You Ask For. When you ask your dealer for Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey don't let him give you any other. Unscrupulous merchants sometimes take advantage of the nation-wide popularity of Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey by offering imitations and substitutes of the genuine. Duffy's to make larger profits. Many even go so far as which you should familiarize yourself. See that the seal over the cork is unbroken—that our name and monogram are blown in the bottle, and that the label bears our trade-mark of the "Old Chemist" and the signature of the Company. "Get Duffy's and Keep Well." Sold by most druggists, grocers and dealers in sealed bottles only, \$1.00. Valuable medical booklet and doctor's advice free. The Duffy Malt Whiskey Co., Rochester, N. Y.