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ONE INDICTMENT FOR PERJURY

Rufus Fletcher Refused to Tell Where He Secured Quantity of Liquor.

SHEPHERD INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTING ASSAULT

Grand Jury Finds First True Bill in Liquor Cases—Colored Bootblack Is First Victim—Dan McKenzie Must Stand Trial on Charge of Attempting to Assault Wife of His Employee—Final Report of Grand Jury Expected Monday—Raley Would Dismiss Hayes Case.

Rufus Fletcher, the colored bootblack, is the first and only person to be indicted thus far by the grand jury as the result of the investigation of the alleged violations of the prohibition law. Fletcher came to grief because he refused to tell where he had received liquor but his indictment charges him with perjury.

Notwithstanding the fact that two witnesses declared they had been furnished with the intoxicating beverage by Fletcher, the bootblack swore he had not had liquor on the occasion in question and did not give it to the two persons or any others. His indictment for perjury followed.

Though the grand jury has apparently completed its investigations no further indictments will be returned this afternoon. While that body is making an examination of the conditions which prevail at the poor farm this afternoon it is understood that the investigation of the liquor cases will be continued Monday. It is therefore probable that the final report will be made that day and it is believed that indictments against a number of men formerly engaged in the liquor business will be returned.

When the indictment was brought in against Fletcher last evening, one was also brought in against Dan McKenzie, who is charged with assault with intent to commit rape. It will be remembered that McKenzie is the man who while employed as a sheepherder on the ranch of Morg Edwards near Pilot Rock, is alleged to have taken advantage of the absence of his employer in the mountains to attempt to assault Mrs. Edwards. The latter armed herself with a butcher knife, drove the man from the house and summoned assistance from neighbors by means of the telephone. McKenzie was arrested the next day and has been out under bonds.

The case of Mrs. Mose Taylor against her former husband was continued today and is still occupying the attention of the court. It is believed, however, that the case will go to the jury some time this evening.

WASHINGTON GROCERS FINISH CONVENTION

Bellingham, Sept. 26.—The Washington State Grocers' association ended its annual convention here today, the best meeting ever held. The officers elected were: President Conn reflected; C. Anderson of Spokane, vice president; J. J. Higgins of Seattle, secretary, and C. H. Buelow of Tacoma, treasurer.

LYTLE TO COACH HIGH SCHOOL TEAM

Dr. W. H. Lytle will again assist the Pendleton high school football team in their work during the coming year and is now actively engaged in coaching and drilling the team for the series of games which will mark the season in the inland empire.

Owing to the large amount of work connected with the organization and management of the high school band, Prof. Carruth was unable to take charge of the football team, but will devote his entire spare time to the development of the high school band, which is now in working order.

Teachers and students of the public schools are today putting the finishing touches on the public school booth at the district fair. The schools occupy three times the amount of space occupied last year and it will be filled to overflowing with school exhibits. It is one of the most attractive

THIRTEEN KILLED IN GERMAN WRECK

Berlin, Sept. 26.—Thirteen were killed and 49 injured today in a railroad collision which is declared to be one of the worst ever occurring on a German railroad.

Full details of the accident are unknown, but it is believed to have been due to the action of the engineer of one of the trains who ignored the danger signal set against him.

As a result the two trains met head on, and not only are 13 dead, but many of the injured are expected to die.

OFFICIALS INVESTIGATE STAR OF BENGAL WRECK

San Francisco, Sept. 26.—Captain Birmingham, federal steam boat inspector today practically decided to investigate the Star of Bengal wreck. The investigation will be held at Junco on account of the fact that the witnesses will scatter when they leave Alaska.

The report received here from Captain Wagner is not official, and the officers of the Alaskan packers believe that the written charge of Wagner is not as strong as the verbal account on account of his having been in a very excited state at the time of the interview. If the written report persists in charges the captains of the Hattie Gage and Kayak will be tried for cowardice.

Wanted for Forgery.
F. S. McCarthy is wanted at Pasco, Wash. on the charge of forgery, and Sheriff Eubanks, of Franklin county has gone to Seattle in an endeavor to locate him.

Declines Appointment.
N. D. Showalter, county superintendent of school of Whitman county Wash., will not accept the proffered appointment of deputy state school superintendent.

SHIPS MEET IN DENSE BLACK FOG

PASSENGERS AWAKENED BY FORCE OF CONTACT

A Thousand Passengers on Board the Commonwealth When She Runs Down Norwegian Steamer in Fog This Morning in Long Island Sound—Panic Only Averted by Coolness of Officers—Volund Goes Down Within Few Minutes With One Man On Board.

New York, Sept. 26.—In a dense fog this morning the Fall River line boat, "Commonwealth" with a thousand sleeping passengers aboard ran down and sank the Norwegian steamship "Volund" just off Race Rock on Long Island sound.

Only one person is believed to have perished, a Norwegian sailor, member of the crew of the "Volund," who went down with his ship. Sixteen of the crew, which numbered 17, were taken aboard the Commonwealth, which put out boats as soon as the collision occurred.

Only the coolness of the officers of the Commonwealth prevented one of the greatest disasters in years.

The Commonwealth was steaming at about 10 knots when the Volund suddenly loomed out of the fog, so close that it was impossible to prevent collision. The passengers of the Commonwealth were thrown from their berths by its force. The Volund was struck below the water line and a big hole made in her hull was rapidly filled with water. She is a total wreck. The Volund was bound for Nova Scotia.

CLEVELAND STORY NOT GENUINE

Widow of President Declares Article Endorsing Taft Was Not Spurious.

HOUSE CLEANING DAY IN HIGH CAMPAIGN CIRCLES

Haskell's Resignation Followed By Dupont's Retirement Owing to Powder Trust Connection—Foraker Issues Statement Denying All Ill-Extinguished Connection With Standard Oil—Says He Did Not Influence Legislation.

New York, Sept. 26.—That the article attributed to President Cleveland and spread broadcast over the country by the republicans in the present campaign, in which Mr. Cleveland is quoted as favoring the election of William H. Taft is a forgery seems to have been proven today when F. S. Hastings, executor of President Cleveland's estate, declared in the Times that such was his opinion. Mr. Hastings stated that Mrs. Cleveland believed that the article was not genuine and that upon investigation he was convinced that her belief was correct.

In his communication to the Times, Mr. Hastings says: "Since the interview of September 23 relative to the article attributed to the authorship of the late President Cleveland, I desire to say that there has come to my knowledge evidence which leaves in my mind a very grave doubt that the said article was written or signed by President Cleveland and it is therefore no longer entitled to credit as his production."

"Mrs. Cleveland was right in my judgment when she declared that she did not think the article was genuine. I therefore hasten to inform you of my conclusion regarding this article."

This doubt will probably lead to the recall of a great number of pamphlets containing the article which the republican committee has been sending out.

Dupont Joins Has-Beens.

New York, Sept. 26.—General T. Coleman Dupont, head of the powder trust, now under fire from the government, senator from Delaware, and until today head of the speaker's bureau in the republican national campaign, joined the "illustrious Order of Has-Beens of the Campaign of '08" today when he stepped down out of the last-named position and also resigned as member of the executive committee of the present campaign.

In announcing the resignation today Chairman Hitchcock declared that Dupont had volunteered the resignation fearing that the present suit of the government against the concern might be used by the democrats to injure the republicans in the present campaign.

Foraker's Story Told.

Cincinnati, Sept. 26.—Senator Foraker, in a long and carefully worded statement issued last night discussed the recent charges made against him by Hearst and Roosevelt and explained his connection with the Standard Oil, declaring that while he was employed as attorney for that corporation a short time he never received a cent for aiding the Standard in the Senate. He flatly denied all of Hearst's charges that he had accepted money from the Standard to choke legislation. Foraker also explained his position in the Brownsville incident regarding the negro soldiers, whose dismissal he opposed and the incidents of his connection with the rate bill.

BUILD SAGE BRUSH ROAD TRYING HERMISTON PLAN

Pasco, Wash., Sept. 26.—Franklin county is trying something new in road building and the county authorities claim for it complete success. It is a roadway made of sagebrush, and is smooth, noiseless and comparatively free from dust. The road on which the experiment is being tried runs from Pasco to Richland up the east bank of the Columbia, crossing being effected by ferry a couple of miles below Richland. The road was sandy and the builders have simply ripped up sagebrush and strewn the roadbed with it. This is rapidly ground into fiber by the wagons, and forms a soft mat, holding down the dust and preventing the wheels from sinking into the sand. As there is no rain, there is no trouble from mud, and the plan seems an exceptionally good one for any road in the semi-arid country.

This plan is new in this country but was proven a success at Hermiston, Oregon, where used by the government.

TAKE TROUBLES INTO THE COURTS

Haskell Threatens Libel Action Against President Roosevelt and W. R. Hearst.

LAW ONLY LIMIT TO HIS PROSECUTION

Haskell's Resignation Last Night at Midnight and Expresses Determination to Fight President as a Private Citizen—Still Maintains Innocence of Charges and Says That People of Oklahoma Will Stand By Him Through Fight.

Chicago, Sept. 26.—"You read the law, then you will know the only limit of my action against these men who have traduced and defamed me," declared Governor Haskell this morning when asked as to what action he contemplated against the men who had accused him.

Haskell's friends say that he will immediately take action against William R. Hearst, who precipitated the scandal, and intimate that he is preparing an action against President Roosevelt.

Haskell refused to see the newspaper men this morning, but said that he would answer all written questions handed him by them. In answer to one of these he made the statement that he has no information as to whether J. B. Doolin, his assistant treasurer would resign. He declared he presumed his own resignation was already accepted officially, but he did not know.

Mr. Bryan this morning held a private conference with Mr. Bryan, who, when he had finished hearing the governor's statement, left hurriedly for Madison, Wis.

Bryan Refuses Statement.

Chicago, Sept. 26.—At the close of his conference with Governor Haskell this morning, and before he left for Wisconsin, Bryan refused to discuss the incident, saying he might make a statement later.

Squires Denies Statement.

New York, Sept. 26.—C. B. Squires, who was accused by Former Attorney General Monett of Ohio, of having offered him a bribe of half a million dollars to stop the suits instituted by him against the Standard Oil company, denied that he had made the offer. Squires said that Monett's affidavit was false in every particular.

Haskell Threatens Roosevelt.

Chicago, Sept. 26.—What amounts to a threat of an appeal to the courts against the charges of President Roosevelt and William R. Hearst was made last evening by Governor Haskell in his resignation of the position of treasury of the democratic national committee.

The resignation was handed in at midnight, and was personally announced by the governor, who declared he did not want to be responsible for any embarrassment of the party that might arise from his continuance in office. Haskell did not wait for Bryan, who was on his way here to demand an explanation of the charges made by Roosevelt and Hearst, but admitted that the resignation was due to those charges, although insisting that they were untrue.

In his letter of resignation addressed to Chairman Mack, Governor Haskell says in part: "Since the president and the cabinet have joined forces with Hearst and three Wall street brokers to make a personal fight against me notwithstanding the president in his answer to Mr. Bryan abandoned his charge about Ohio Standard Oil cases, yet by all the means at the command of the government and the millions of Hearst and his Wall street allies they persist in vicious, unwarranted and untruthful attacks on me personally, I will come the call and shall meet it with all the vigor at my command. I shall treat them all as private citizens and subject to the penalties of the law which they merit. In this I know I shall have the aid of my neighbors at home for all proper purposes."

"My heart is full of hope for the election of Mr. Bryan and Mr. Kern. Honest government and rule by the people is at stake. I would not for one moment consider remaining in any way connected with the committee, therefore I hereby tender my resignation as treasurer of the democratic national committee, that not the slightest contest of my own could in any way be used by the president to cloud the sky and shield our opponents from discussing the real issues and laying bare the republican duplicity to the people."

WHEAT SELLING AT 78 CENTS TODAY.

The price of wheat has advanced another cent and is now selling at 78 cents in the local market. Considerable quantities of grain have changed hands at that figure but it is impossible to form anything like an accurate estimate as to the actual amount sold. A large number of farmers have been in the city and those who are not selling are keeping close watch on the conditions of the market.

"STEALING TIME" CAUSE OF WRECK

Investigation Shows Freight Train Was Running Off Schedule.

MONTANA DEATH LIST NOW REACHES TWENTY

Three of Injured Will Die As the Result of Passenger-Freight Collision on Northern Pacific—Engine Crew of Freight Blamed for Disaster—Remarkable Escapes of Many Passengers in Smoker.

Butte, Sept. 26.—The death of Samuel Sionowitz, a prominent citizen of Billings, Mont., today brings the total number of dead from the Northern Pacific wreck yesterday to 20. Of the 15 seriously hurt it is believed that three cannot recover.

The body of Charles E. Johnson, district passenger agent of the Nickel Plate line, was taken from the wreck today in a crushed condition.

The coroner's investigation seems to place the blame for the wreck on the engine crew of the freight train, which the officials allege was endeavoring to "steal time" on the passenger by making the Young's Point siding.

The three people supposed to be seriously injured are:

W. Dyer, Mount Carmel, Ill.
Susan E. Cordia, Flathead Mission, Mont.
Benjamin S. Westbury, address unknown.

Colonel H. Hudson, a resident of Utah, was talking to a friend on the dining car and left just before the collision came. He entered the smoker just as the two trains crashed together and was instantly killed.

Mrs. Bert Anderson of Hardin, Mont., who was compelled on account of the crowded condition of the train to ride in the smoker went into the sleeper to wash for breakfast, and a moment later her husband was instantly killed in the collision.

Frank E. Silvers of Seattle had a remarkable escape from death. At the moment of the crash he was sitting in a double seat with three men, all of whom were killed. The wreckage piled up around him, and it was with difficulty he was dug out.

BIG LUMBER DEAL CLOSED AT VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Sept. 26.—W. H. White, a millionaire sawmill owner of Buyside City, Mich., announced today on behalf of White Brothers, Chicago capitalists that he had just completed the investment of \$200,000 worth of timber properties on Vancouver Island. One tract is estimated to contain over 3,000,000,000 feet. A million and a half dollars was paid for it. He will erect one of the largest sawmills in the world on the tract, one with a daily capacity of 1,000,000 feet.

SHIP LINES TO COMPETE WITH BIG RAILROADS

San Francisco, Sept. 25.—Ten steamship lines have formed an agreement to compete with the transcontinental railroads for Pacific freight for Europe. Pacific ships will take freight to Salinas Cruz where it will be transported across the isthmus of Tehuantepec by rail and picked up by Atlantic ships at Puerto Mexico. They have opened the fight by that reduction of rates from 15 to 33 per cent.

COUSIN TO PRINCESS DIES IN DIRE POVERTY

San Francisco, Sept. 26.—Officials of the county hospital are awaiting the decision of George, Howard and Helen Gould and the Princess De Sagan as to whether their cousin Melvin A. Gould be buried in the potter's field. Gould died last night aged 71 after having been an invalid for seven years. He had appealed to his relatives, who refused to support him and entered the hospital two weeks ago.

ONLY ONE VOTER YET HAS REGISTERED

One one voter has had his name placed on the registration books during the week, they having been reopened Monday morning to permit those voters to register who did not do so prior to the June election. The registration was so large at that time however, that it is not believed any considerable number of voters yet remain unregistered.

Those who have registered since January 8, the date of the opening of the registration books prior to the