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SCRIBER MAKES PECULIAR PLEA

Fulton Says Client's Crimes Were Caused by Over Zeal for His Bank.

ADmits LA GRANDE BANKER FORGED AND EMBEZZLED

Former Senator Fulton in Opening Address in Federal Court Says Acts of J. H. Scriber Were Result of Mind Disturbed by Worry About Bank—Will Show Client Was Irrational Whenever Bank's Interests Were Concerned.

Portland, Ore., May 11.—Admitting that his client had embezzled and forged and misappropriated the funds of the defunct Farmers and Traders National Bank of La Grande, Ore., which failed in 1908, former United States senator Fulton yesterday set up a peculiar plea in his opening address in behalf of J. H. Scriber, former cashier of the bank, who is undergoing trial in the United States district court here on a charge of misappropriation.

Senator Fulton said Scriber had become possessed of the notion that he must save the bank at all hazards, and that this idea preyed on his client's mind until he had gone crazy on the subject; that he believed, in his delusion that every means was justifiable to secure the end desired.

Senator Fulton said that the defense would prove that Scriber, wherever the bank's interests were affected did irrational acts. He cited Scriber's intolerance of criticism of the bank, which upon one occasion led him to withdraw an advertisement and cancel his subscription to a La Grande newspaper that had made some harmless comment on the bank. Also, he said, letters would be read which Scriber had written to people of La Grande childishly scolding them for "talking about his bank."

When Senator Fulton concluded the government began introduction of its testimony.

The charges against Scriber are in brief that after he had impaired the bank's capital by making loans which proved disastrous, in order to build up a false cash reserve, forged names of responsible men to notes and sold the notes. It is further charged that before these notes became due, Scriber would embezzle and misappropriate the funds of the bank to re-purchase them, repeating the forgeries to replace these withdrawals of cash.

ROAD MAY BUILD THROUGH CENTRALIA INTO PORTLAND

Aberdeen, May 11.—The letting of a contract to a local contractor for the construction of six miles of road bed, confirms the report that the Chicago & Puget Sound railroad will build a branch line through the North River country to Centralia for the ultimate object of getting into Portland. The North river section is rich in timber and is unsettled.

MAYOR GAYNOR TO SUPPRESS ALL INDECENT PLAYS

New York, May 11.—Owing to a number of complaints that Broadway theaters staged indecent plays, Mayor Gaynor announced today that he will suppress such performances.

Big Floral Festival.

San Jose, Cal., May 11.—A carnival of roses and floral festival such as California has never known before will attract thousands of visitors to San Jose during the five days beginning today. The streets of San Jose are decorated as never before and rendered brilliant with a wealth of blossoms. In addition to the floral parades and pageantry, the fete period will include an aviation meet, automobile races and sports of various kinds. A unique feature which has attracted the attention of all visitors is a ten-acre field of sweet peas, so planted that they are blooming in the shape of a monster red, white and blue American flag.

George Knight Templar.

Savannah, Ga., May 11.—A celebration of the semi-centennial of the order in Georgia renders the convention of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar the most notable ever held in the state. A parade of the Sir Knights preceded the formal opening of the session today. The conclave will end tomorrow evening with a banquet.

Illinois "Drys" Convene.

Decatur, Ill., May 11.—More than a thousand Illinois prohibitionists assembled here today at the state convention of the party. The principal address will be delivered by President Samuel Dickie of Albion college, who toured the west debating the saloon issue with Mayor Rose of Milwaukee.

SHELL HITS STEAMER INSTEAD OF TARGET

Port Townsend, May 11.—The commanding officer of Fort Worden will order an investigation of yesterday's accident to the quartermaster's steamer, Major Evans, which was struck by an 18-pound iron shell fired from the mortar battery of the fort aimed at a target vessel towed nine hundred feet behind. The missile struck the upper deck near the pilot house and just missed Captain Madison, shattering the woodwork and steam drum. Steam filled the vessel, compelling the engineer and fire men to rush to the deck to avoid scalding.

POLICE THINK JAP CUT SYMBOLS ON WOMAN'S HEAD

Denver, May 11.—The police have an accurate description of the Japanese suspected of strangling Mrs. Katherine Wilson and cutting the mystic symbol in her forehead. The Jap was seen working in her home Saturday by two men. The police believe the Jap killed her in a quarrel over wages and that symbol is the mark of one of the Japanese secret societies.

CITY SCHOOL BOARD SELECTS TEACHERS

NEARLY ALL OF OLD STAFF ARE RE-ELECTED

Few Exceptions in High School Where Vacancies Are Yet to Fill—Miss Marple, Principle of Washington School, Landers and Hampton are Re-elected.

With substantial increases in salaries, nearly every member of Pendleton's force of school teachers was re-elected at a special meeting of the board which was held this morning in the office of the clerk, Lot Livermore. Practically the entire force of grade teachers was chosen to serve another year, the few changes made, being in the high school faculty.

J. S. Landers was re-elected as city superintendent of schools and A. C. Hampton was re-elected principal. E. W. Brown did not apply for his old position as teacher of science and that position is still vacant as is also that of assistant in the science department. Frank D. Carruth of the Commercial department also failed to put in an application for re-election and the board is now looking for a successor. Miss Stella Marple, teacher of history in the high school has been made principal of the Washington school to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Miss Grace Miller who goes to Seattle. Miss Marple's place in the high school faculty has been filled by the selection of Miss Elizabeth Foley, a former high school teacher, who has been teaching in her home state of Minnesota.

Miss Schroeder has resigned as teacher of English and her position will be filled by Miss Mary Elder, who comes from the East. Miss Schroeder expects to return to her home in the middle west. Miss Menckott, the other member of the high school faculty will continue as instructor in German and Latin.

The following is the complete list of teachers in the grade schools of the city:

- Washington. Stella Marple, Lulu George, Lulu Keller, Mary Whitney, Sadie Baum, Hazel Weller, Maitel Elder and Neva Lane. Hawthorne. Viva Warren, Maud Cook, Alma Harris, Mary Zurcher, Alta Sharp, Inez Makin, Sarah Gray and Elizabeth Walker. Lincoln. Florence Harris, Augusta Moule and Celestine Moorhouse. Field School. Miss Epple.

TEACHERS ELECTED WILL BE GIVEN TEN DAYS IN WHICH TO SIGN UP THEIR CONTRACTS.

DOWAGER QUEEN ALEXANDRIA THANKS PEOPLE OF ENGLAND

London, May 11.—Dowager Queen Alexandra issued a message to the people of England thanking them for the sympathy they bestowed following the death of her husband, Edward VII, and asking them to support her son George and assist him to follow in the footsteps of his father.

Fear Queen is Sick.

London, May 11.—The eagerness of court physicians to deny the report that Alexandra is sick, indicates the queen mother's condition is serious. It is feared that George is overtaxing his strength. He has averaged four hours sleep each night since his father's death.

HYDE CASE WILL GO TO JURY ON FRIDAY

Kansas City, May 11.—The state in rebuttal rested at 2:30 this afternoon. The jury was remanded to the custody of the marshal while Judge Latsch prepared his instructions, and it is probable that both sides in summoning up will occupy two days. The case may go to the jury Friday. Dr. Hyde looks worried.

DID TAFT ACT FOR HIMSELF?

Attorney Brandeis Says His Findings Bear Striking Similarity to Lawlor Data.

PROBABLY DUPLICATE COPIES WILL BE PRODUCED

Glavis' Attorney at Congressional Investigation Declares Taft's Decision in Ballinger Case Great Resemblance to Memoranda of Assistant Attorney General — Brandeis Declares Ballinger Violated Rules.

Washington, May 11.—There is a "striking similarity" between the memorandum prepared by Oscar Lawlor, assistant attorney general for the interior department and President Taft's findings in the Ballinger case in which he exonerated Ballinger and which resulted in Glavis' dismissal, according to Brandeis. It is expected when the committee convenes tomorrow that duplicate copies of Lawlor's memorandum will be produced. The committee refused to issue an order directing the originals to be produced, which are in the hands of the president, according to Brandeis.

The existence of rulings in the interior department which Mr. Ballinger must have violated in appearing before the general land office in behalf of the Cunningham coal claimants after his retirement as land commissioner, was brought out by Attorney Brandeis in cross examination of the secretary of the interior in the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation yesterday.

Mr. Brandeis secured an admission from Mr. Ballinger that he had been barred from approaching before the land office by a similar ruling in another case subsequent to his activity in the Cunningham cases and prior to his becoming secretary of the interior. Mr. Ballinger said he had not called these rulings to the attention of the president to assist him in reaching the conclusion on the Glavis charge because he did not think there was any law to sustain them.

The committee decided to grant the request of Attorney Brandeis that Oscar Lawlor, assistant attorney general of the interior department, be asked to furnish the original or copies of the memorandum he prepared for the president last September and which Mr. Brandeis has intimated the president followed in writing his letter vindicating Ballinger and dismissing L. R. Glavis. By unanimous vote the committee refused to ask the president for similar information.

Attorney Brandeis had almost concluded the cross examination of Mr. Ballinger when the hearing was adjourned until Thursday. He devoted practically the entire day to the subject of the "clear listing" of the Cunningham claims by Commissioner Ballinger, to show extraordinary haste had been made to rush the claims to patent and that Glavis reiterated protests alone had caused Mr. Ballinger to pause.

Receive American Pilgrims.

Rome, May 11.—An American pilgrimage of 163 persons, led by the Rt. Rev. Frederick Eis, Bishop of Marquette, Mich., was received at the Vatican by Pope Pius today.

Sons of Veterans.

Red Bank, N. J., May 11.—New Jersey Sons of Veterans convened here this afternoon in annual reunion. Sessions will be held this evening and tomorrow.

BLACK HAND GANG SENDS LETTER TO MRS. CAMPBELL

With the appearance of a black hand letter, Pendleton's claim to fame is at last complete. When Miss Jessie Smith and Miss Bess McMillan, employees of the Mrs. Rose Campbell millinery store arrived at the Campbell home on Jackson street, last evening a few minutes before 10 o'clock they found the following letter on the porch: Rose Campbell: Put \$50 in an old shoe and leave it between the scales and sidewalk on Water street by Nissen implement store Tuesday night at 10 p. m. sharp. If you do not obey your house and store will be burned down. The same as the Alta house was done. If any officers are informed or the telephone used before morning and if you do not obey, your life will be in great danger as we will watch every move you make. If you make one false move your life will be all. Obey. We take no chances.

THE GANG.

ROOSEVELT TO BE EMISSARY

President Taft Appoints T. R. to Represent U. S. at Edward's Funeral.

EX-PRESIDENT WIRES HIS ACCEPTANCE OF HONOR

Colonel Will be Special Representative of Country—Strenuous One Disregards Orders of Physician and Attempts Kaiser on His Review of Military Maneuvers—Shouts Himself Hoarse—Kellogg Arrives in Berlin.

Washington, May 11.—President Taft today appointed Theodore Roosevelt as the United States special representative to attend King Edward's funeral and Roosevelt accepted the honor.

Berlin, May 11.—Disregarding his physician's advice to remain in doors, Colonel Roosevelt accompanied the Kaiser to witness military maneuvers at Doberitz. Roosevelt shouted himself hoarse, and maybe will not be able to deliver his lecture before the University of Berlin tomorrow. This afternoon Roosevelt will motor about the city and tonight Chancellor Von Bethman gives a dinner intended to take the place of the one the Kaiser planned before King Edward died. Trust buster Frank Kellogg, arrived today and will confer with Roosevelt. The conference is the most significant of any of his meetings with Americans.

SEATTLE TRAFFIC TIED UP BY OFFICERS OF COUNTY

Seattle, May 11.—County Treasurer Gormley with a corps of deputies, seized the Cedar street barns today as a part of the security for the disputed \$167,000 personal taxes alleged to be owed the county by the Seattle Electric company. A few minutes later officials started down town and announced their intention of stopping all cars and tying up traffic. The company was given until this morning to pay but didn't comply.

After Gormley had a fourth of the city cars tied up the company's attorney hurried up and offered to pay the taxes and costs of seizure but the county treasurer demanded interest also and this was refused. The lines were then allowed to operate while the matter is being arbitrated by Attorney General Bell of Olympia. The company deposited a certified check for the full tax.

Hello Men Meet.

South Bend, Ind., May 11.—Independent telephone men of Indiana and Michigan opened a joint convention in South Bend today. F. H. Woods of Lincoln, Neb., president of the National Independent Telephone association, is the principal speaker on the program.

First Savings Bank.

Edinburgh, May 11.—Today is the centennial of the opening of the first modern savings bank. Henry Duncan, a Presbyterian clergyman, was the father of the plan, and the institution was opened at Dumfries, Scotland, on May 11, 1810.

Dry's Carry Friday Harbor.

Bellingham, Wash., May 10.—The anti-saloon forces carried the local option election at Friday Harbor, San Juan county by a majority of 51. Three saloons, the only ones in the county, are affected.

PRINCIPAL WITNESS AGAINST DR. BURKE DISAPPEARS

Santa Rosa, May 11.—The disappearance of Luella Smith, who with her baby was the victim of a dynamite explosion at Dr. Willard Burke's sanitarium, has led District Attorney Lea to charge that persons interested have connived at her absence. Lea declared he doesn't know the whereabouts of the woman who is the complaining witness against Burke, who is indicted for dynamiting. Lea says he has the names of persons who tried previously to get her to leave. Burke is worth a million. She has been staying at Berkeley.

GOHL CASE WILL GO TO JURY THIS EVENING

Montesano, May 11.—The arguments in the trial of Gohl closes this afternoon and the case will go to the jury. The defense is said to expect a verdict of guilty and is already preparing an appeal. Prosecutor Campbell said he will try Gohl on the charge of murdering Hoffman, the Aberdeen cigar dealer, whose body is supposed to be at the bottom of the bay if the recent trial ends unfavorably.

FOREST FIRES ARE THREATENING TOWNS

MICHIGAN AND MINNESOTA SWEEPED BY FIERCE BLAZE

Residents of Towns Have Been Fighting for 24 Hours But Can Not Stay Progress of Fire—Feared L'Anse Is Destroyed.

Houghton, Mich., May 11.—Half a dozen Michigan towns are threatened by forest fires which are sweeping the upper peninsula. Residents of Allston have been fighting fire for 24 hours and once controlled the blaze but a shift of the wind is carrying the flames toward the town again. L'Anse, Pilgrim river, Allouez ah Meek and Alstonia are in the path of the fire. It is feared L'Anse has been destroyed.

Allston Saved. The town of Allston is saved from the fire. Reports say the fire situation is improving except in the Pilgrim river district.

DIGS CAVE TO ESCAPE FROM HALLEY'S COMET

Pasadena, Calif., May 11.—When Halley's comet approaches, Stephen Harter gardener says he will only survive. He has dug a cave in his back yard, stocked it with canned goods, and provisions and has provided the cave with ventilation which is operated by strings into the inner cave. He believes the deadly gases will snuff out man's life and he doesn't propose to be snuffed.

Hocking Increases Stock.

Columbus, O., May 11.—At a special meeting of the Hocking Valley stockholders today the common stock of the railway company was increased from \$11,000,000 to \$26,000,000 by the issue of 15,000,000 new common stock.

Discuss Labor Matters.

Detroit, Mich., May 11.—Many labor matters of vital importance to railway employes throughout the country will be discussed during the biennial convention opened here today by the National Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Colorado Veterans.

Grand Junction, Colo., May 11.—Veterans of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, Grand Army of the Republic, opened their annual encampment in this city today.

First Stampeder Leaves Seattle.

Seattle, May 11.—The first of the Iditarod stampeders from Seattle direct leaves Sunday on the steamer "A. G. Lindsay," destined for Bethel. It is expected the new diggings will prove a second Fairbanks.

Sage Memorial Church.

New York, May 11.—Sage Memorial church at Far Rockaway, erected by Mrs. Russell Sage in memory of her husband, was dedicated today.

MORGAN LOSES A PRIZE.

Fails to Get Wonderful Gardner Collection of Prints. London.—It is said that J. P. Morgan is extremely disappointed over his inability to acquire the famous Gardner collection of 10,000 prints and drawings, showing London in every phase of its existence. He now has losing eyes on two other art collections which are shortly to come into the market.

The Gardner collection, which is literally worth its weight in gold, was purchased by Major Edward Coates, M. P., who is building a special gallery for it out of rubber, in which commodity the major recently made his fortune.

The pictures are of great educational value and of invaluable use to antiquaries. Housed in the heart of Kent, permission to see them will be given grudgingly.

LEADERS FIRE OPENING GUNS

Senators Dolliver and Cummins Start the Campaign of the Progressives.

TAFT REFERRED TO AS TITULAR LEADER OF PARTY

Before Twelve Thousand People, Insurgent Legislators, Start Batteries Against Regular Organization—Declare Men Have Been Crowded to Front in Taft Administration Who Have Not Interests of Country at Heart.

Des Moines, Iowa, May 11.—Iowa republicans are today of the opinion that the broadside hurled by Dolliver and Cummins last night at a mass meeting in the Coliseum marked the actual opening of the predicted national campaign of the progressives. Twelve thousand people were present when the senators denounced the regulars' leaders and the causes of the present congressional situation. President Taft was referred to as the "titular" leader of the republican party, and it was charged that the men were crowded to the front of the Taft administration who haven't the welfare of the party at heart. Dolliver and Cummins are enroute to Washington so as to be present when the final vote on the railroad regulation bill is taken. They will take an active part in the debate regarding the bill, and certain measures of which they fought.

DUEL FIGHTING BERLIN THINKS BOXING BRUTAL

Berlin.—Several prominent American boxing promoters who came here with the idea of holding boxing contests left the capital of the fatherland disgusted with their experience.

They found that boxing as known in America, is absolutely prohibited by our police. The Germans look upon the sport as barbarous and only fit for the lowest of the low. The police believe that once the people get a knowledge of boxing there would be many more cases of brawling and fighting in the streets. Nowadays half a dozen police can charge and maltreat an assembly or perhaps a thousand socialists without suffering or retaliation. Notwithstanding loud protests from various quarters against blotting the fair name of Berlin, an exhibition in the presence of the police was, however, pulled off. The police gave strict injunction to the competitors not to hit hard. Any one delivering a blow stretching out an opponent on the floor was immediately disqualified. A sort of thrill of horror passed over the audience of fashionably dressed women and brilliantly uniformed officers and business men as the first two middleweights started in last night's performance. The fighters fought to tune of music rendered by an orchestra and took their footwork time from the conductor himself. Twenty bouts were fought and blood drawn but once, resulting in cries of "Shame."

WOMAN, 110, OLDEST IN UNITED KINGDOM, DEAD

Dublin.—The King's oldest subject has died at the age of 110. She was Peggy McGurk of Carrickmore county Tyrone, who was a well-known figure in the district.

The old woman died a lonely death, which became known only when the neighbors noticed that she was not moving about as usual.

Peggy, whose real married name was Hodgins, had been a widow since 1822, her married life only lasting three months.

Up to her death she received a small wage as caretaker of the local courthouse, and also received an old-age pension.

Last November she received a letter from the King's secretary enclosing \$10 and congratulating her on reaching such a great age.

Oldest Tennis Player Dead.

London.—Thomas White, keeper of the Royal Tennis Court at Hampton Court palace, has just died in his seventy-fourth year. Mr. White, who was the oldest tennis player in England, was able to take an active part in his duties till about six months ago when advancing years began to tell on him.

In his day he played in many important matches, both in this country and in America, the last match he won being a handicap in Manchester in October, 1892, in which he had to meet some of the best professional exponents of the game. The Hampton Court tennis court abuts on the east front of the palace and is in practically the same form as in Tudor times.

Nothing confounds stupidity like frankness.