

LAWYERS IN FURIOUS ROW

Calhoun Defense Objects to Testimony of Former Detective,

Sleuth Says He Was Hired to Watch Prosecution and Report any Information Gained—Testimony Involves Names of Several Identified With Defense.

San Francisco, May 20.—Into the trial of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads, there was injected late yesterday an extraordinary chapter dealing with the uses and methods of detectives. John Helms, at one time the head of a private detective bureau in this city, narrated in detail, as a witness for the prosecution, the secrets he claims to have learned during his term of employment as an agent of the United Railroads. His testimony, which relates to an early period in the history of the graft prosecution, already involves the names of several persons more or less prominently identified with the defense, and there is a promise of more revelations when he resumes the stand today.

Helms had scarcely started his narration when there ensued a legal wrangle that has had no parallel in the five months that have elapsed since the trial was commenced. Five of the defendant's attorneys protested against the admission of Helms' testimony and counsel on both sides, with flushed faces and voices raised to an angry pitch, were engaged in a legal battle that was waged for nearly an hour. Judge William P. Lawlor finally admitted the evidence. Helms testified that he had come to this city in response to a request by Attorney Louis Hoefler early in May, 1907, at which time the first trial of Tiley L. Ford, counsel for the United Railroads, had been commenced. Mr. Hoefler, he said, instructed him to watch everything done by the prosecution and report the information so gathered. Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney attempted to learn what persons were shadowed by Helms, but the court sustained an objection.

H. H. ROGERS DEAD.

Was Active Lieutenant of Rockefeller in Standard Oil.

New York, May 20.—Henry H. Rogers, vice president of the Standard Oil company, moving spirit in the organization of the Amalgamated Copper company, builder of railroads and philanthropist, died at his home here yesterday, of apoplexy.

Death came a little more than an hour after Mr. Rogers had risen for the day, mentioning to his wife that he was feeling ill. Mr. Rogers was 69 years old.

Mr. Rogers had been in poor health since he suffered an apoplectic stroke in 1907, and was almost constantly under a physician's care. His death, however, was a great shock to his family and business associates, as Tuesday and Tuesday evening he was cheerful and apparently normal.

MAY OUST MEHEMMED.

Young Turks Plan to Alter Succession Rule to Throne.

Constantinople, May 20.—If legislation favored by the Young Turks meets the approval of the parliament, the time honored Turkish law of succession to the throne may be annulled.

According to the present law, on the death of the monarch the crown goes to the senior descendant of the founder of the dynasty. This procedure almost invariably results in the raising to power of an elderly or failing man. The Young Turks want young, energetic and virile rulers. They want adopted the general European law of succession that provides for the coronation of the senior son of the former monarch.

Ice Holds Liner.

St. Johns, N. F., May 20.—The Allen line steamer Mongolian, bound from Glasgow and Liverpool for St. Johns, Halifax and Philadelphia with 500 passengers on board, was caught in a dangerous ice jam one mile off this harbor late today, and was in a hazardous position tonight. It was feared that if the wind increased before daylight the Mongolian would be driven ashore and become a total wreck. In the event of an accident it is thought the passengers would escape by walking over the densely packed ice floes.

To Prevent Tuberculosis.

Hamilton, Ont., May 20.—With an attendance of medical men, health officers and other representatives of the chief cities of the dominion, the ninth annual meeting of the Canadian association for the prevention of consumption assembled in this city today for a two-day session. At the afternoon session the principal feature was an address by Dr. White, of Pittsburgh, on "The Duty of Municipalities in Reference to Tuberculosis."

Fall 350 Feet. Still Live.

Reno, Nev., May 20.—One man suffered a fracture of a leg, while two companions were only slightly bruised and shaken when a lift in the shaft of the Quartzette mine broke today about 10 feet from the opening, precipitating the three miners to the bottom, 350 feet below. Twelve feet of water in the bottom of the mine prevented all three from being killed.

ROADS BLOCK SPOKANE.

Will Appeal for Rehearing in Recent Rate Decision.

Spokane, Wash., May 21.—Information comes direct from Washington today that the further plan of the railroads is to prevent final determination of the rate questions involved until after the members of the commission separate for the summer.

The further plan is outlined that immediately after the Spokane jobbers file supplemental petition asking that the commission disapprove of the rates which have been filed with it by the railways, the railway companies will petition for a rehearing on all the questions which have been presented and decided by the commission.

In the meantime it is predicted the schedule of rates submitted to the commission will be published by the railroad companies and will become effective rates until the question can be once more brought before the commission and argued.

The representatives of the railroad companies expect that the Interstate Commerce commission will order that the rates established by the commission in the rate case will not become effective until after the hearing on the petition for a reopening of the case, and it is clear that if a rehearing is granted Spokane will have to accept the schedule of rates as presented by the railroads until after the final determination of the rehearing.

COWBOYS ATTACK HERDERS

Sheepmen Are Injured and 3,000 of Their Flocks Killed.

Grand Junction, Colo., May 21.—As a result of a battle between sheepmen and cowboys on a contested range near Atchee, Colo., yesterday 3,000 head of sheep were killed and two sheepmen were injured. The sheep, which belonged to S. A. Taylor and R. A. Tawney, were grazing on a range near the hamlet of Carbinero.

It appears that the cowboys dashed in upon the herders and tied them to trees, and then rode out and killed the sheep. They first cut the telephone wires. Several hours later the sheep herders were liberated.

The authorities of Garfield county have been notified, but it is not believed the cowboys will be captured. The range in which the crime was committed has long been a contested one, and several murders have resulted from quarrels over it.

Warrants have been issued by the authorities of both Mesa and Garfield counties for the arrest of 16 raiders, several of whom are said to be known to the sheepmen.

Late tonight the sheepmen in this section of the state arranged for a mass meeting, at which substantial rewards will be offered for the arrest and conviction of the raiders.

NEW GRAIN ROAD.

Hill Announces New Branch Line Into Wheat Belt.

Seattle, May 21.—Great Northern railroad officials announced today that a branch line of the road would be built from Wilson Creek south to Connell, the junction of the Northern Pacific and the Oregon Railway & Navigation company. The move is one that has been projected by the Hill lines for years, and is said in the local offices to mark the first step in the contest for Eastern Washington territory between the Hill and Milwaukee interests.

The branch line, as planned, will depart from the main line at Wilson Creek and will follow the Crab creek valley until it swings off to the east of Moses lake, traversing the low country east of the Saddle mountains and connecting with the Northern Pacific main line at Connell.

The branch line, which affords a new outlet for the wheat farmers of Grant and Douglas counties, Washington, will be continued ultimately from Connell to connect with the North Bank line below Pasco, securing a water grade for wheat trains from the fields to Portland.

Bank Business Growing.

Washington, May 21.—The returns from National banks giving details of their condition on April 28, 1909, show remarkable increases. The summary shows that since May 14, 1908, a little more than a year ago, the loans and discounts have increased \$434,764,000 and during the same time the total resources of the banks have increased \$774,261,000. During the same period government deposits have increased \$111,255,000, and bills payable and rediscounts have decreased \$9,879,000.

Anacosta Shows Loss.

New York, May 21.—The annual report of the Anacosta Copper Mining company for the year ending December 31, last, issued today, shows that during the first six months of the year 1908 the company suffered an actual loss, owing to the shutdown of operations in January and February of that year. The income for the year was \$15,604,482, a decrease of \$3,146,652 from 1907. The expenses were \$14,658,519, a decrease of \$944,842.

Salvation Army Convenes.

Chicago, May 21.—Four hundred members of the Salvation Army were in attendance at the national congress of the Western America district, which opened a five days' meeting here today. Commander Eva Booth addressed the congress.

A BRIEF DAILY REPORT ON THE WORK OF CONGRESS

Saturday, May 22.

Washington, May 22.—By a special agreement the senate took no votes today on any subject and the entire session was devoted to speechmaking. The lumber schedule was under consideration during the greater part of the day and the controversy between the free lumber advocates and the high tariff opponents was sharp.

Friday, May 21.

Washington, May 21.—Despite frequent oratorical squalls in which senators "called things by their proper names," the tariff bill made some progress in the senate today. A number of schedules were passed upon, and, while in most instances it was understood the senate might return to them, it is the general opinion that very little, if any, change will be made.

The house rates were retained in the polished glass paragraph, but with the understanding that, when the bill is taken up in the senate proper, there probably will be some alterations.

The rate on lime was fixed temporarily at 5 cents per 100 pounds, with an understanding that it would be subject to further consideration later.

Fluorspar and feldspar were given a duty of \$3 a ton instead of \$1.50, as provided by the house. Upon request of Rayner, the paragraph was then temporarily laid aside to be taken up later. The paragraph relating to plaster of gypsum, taxed at 40 cents per ton by the house, was amended by reducing the duty to 20 cents a ton.

Aldrich stated that tomorrow he would ask the senate to fix a day for voting upon the bill.

Thursday, May 20.

Washington, May 20.—The senate distributed its attention today among the three items in the tariff bill providing a duty on an extract of chestnut bark used in tanning known as quebracho, on cottonseed oil and on white lead. On each of these articles the senate was led by the committee on finance, although the committee was induced to change its original suggestions on both white lead and cottonseed oil.

Tillman proffered some advice to Aldrich at the close of the day, after the finance committee's triumph on white lead.

Aldrich said that it was his intention at an early day to satisfy the senator from South Carolina by moving that the tariff bill should be proceeded with "morning, afternoon and night until disposed of."

Wednesday, May 19.

Washington, May 19.—The senate dropped into a party discussion late today and Democrats and Republicans taunted one another with the dissensions each party has suffered during the consideration of the tariff.

Clay, of Georgia, made a warm appeal for a small differential on refined sugar in the interest of consumers.

All sections of the metal schedule were agreed to before adjournment. Lace-making machines will be taxed at the rate of 45 per cent ad valorem, although they have been admitted free of duty in the past, as the senate adopted the provision to that effect.

An amendment by McLaurin to put sewing machines, typewriters and printing presses on the free list was rejected, 23 to 53. La Follette voted with the Democrats.

An amendment by Newlands to reduce the duty on sewing machines from 30 to 20 per cent ad valorem was rejected, 29 to 43. Beveridge, Bristow, Brown, Clapp, Cummins, Dolliver and La Follette joining the Democrats in voting for the reduction.

Tuesday, May 18.

Washington, May 18.—After devoting the greater part of the day's session to debate, the senate passed upon a number of important committee amendments to the tariff bill. It also rejected an amendment by Stone, restoring the Dingley rates on razors.

On table and butcher knives, etc., the committee reduced the rates of the Dingley law about 30 per cent. The committee has increased the duty on needles to \$1.25 per thousand and 25 per cent ad valorem, Gallinger declared that the present rate was so low that foreign needles were driving the American article out of the market. The paragraph was adopted.

An increase of 5 per cent of the house duty on steel plates, and increases on wood screws of various sizes were adopted. The adoption of committee amendments without aye and nay votes being called for, the reading proceeded rapidly until the section relating to umbrella and parasol ribs and stretchers was reached, and then Dolliver objected to any increase. The committee rates were sustained.

Monday, May 17.

Washington, May 17.—A comprehensive discussion of the income tax by Sutherland, of Utah, and an extended speech by Dewey in support of the pending tariff bill, consumed most of the session of the senate today.

Clark is Governor.

Washington, May 20.—President Taft today honored another newspaper man when he nominated Walter E. Clark, Washington correspondent of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, a member of the New York Sun bureau, to be governor of Alaska. Governor W. R. Hoggatt resigned, to take effect October 1, in order that he might devote more attention to his business interests in Alaska. Soon after March 4 he informed the president.

Sutherland argued against the constitutionality of the Federal income tax and declared such a tax should be left as a means of revenue for the states. Before adjournment a couple of hours were devoted to a discussion of the cutlery schedule.

A general reduction of customs duties of five per cent annually is proposed by Owen in an amendment that he offered. The amendment proposes that this reduction be made annually until a lessened revenue from each article is shown, and in such case the president is authorized to fix the duty at a rate that he believes will produce the greatest revenue.

To Proclaim Conservation.

Washington, May 18.—Special Director John A. Fox, of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, who is now on the Pacific coast, has planned a tour of the state of Washington in conjunction with Dr. N. G. Blalock, a director of that organization, residing at Walla Walla. The propaganda started in the East and South in behalf of a comprehensive plan of waterway development is thus to be extended to the Pacific coast and for the next few months Fox and Blalock will meet the business men and commercial bodies of the state of Washington for the purpose of arousing additional interest in this rapidly developing subject.

Surveys for Coos County.

Washington, May 18.—On the urgent recommendation of Representative Hawley, the secretary of Agriculture has ordered that soil surveys be made in Coos county, Oregon, during the present summer. Soil specialists will be sent to Coos county in about a month, and after arrival will select the locality in which their work will be of value largely in helping the farmers to determine the best crops to raise, and the best method of cultivation to obtain the best results.

Millions for Western Mines.

Washington, May 22.—Frederick I. Bright, British consul, reports that two British mining and transportation companies recently held meetings at Huddersfield, England, announcing that they had decided to expend fifteen million dollars in developing silver, lead and copper mines in the Cascade mountains in Washington. He reports that 121 miles of railroad will be built by these companies in this enterprise. The names of these companies are not given.

French Imports Increase.

Washington, May 22.—An increase of 60 per cent in the amount of the imports into the United States from France during the months of February and March in accordance by the bureau of statistics. According to the deduction of the bureau of statistics, this large increase in the importation from France is due in part to a reported increase in rates of duty in certain classes of articles coming from that country, especially luxuries.

Ask Taft to Change Time.

Washington, May 19.—President Taft promised today to take up with his cabinet tomorrow the question of more daylight. The idea of the movement is to begin the day two hours earlier during the summer time in order to give longer hours for afternoon and evening recreation. It is proposed that on the first of May clocks shall be turned back two hours, the readjustment to remain in effect until October 1.

Exceptions to Rate Law.

Washington, May 21.—The Interstate Commerce commission announced today that railroads may transport free the men and material of express companies employed in the business of the express companies on the line of railway. Express companies may transport packages of a railway company between points on that line without reference to tariff rates.

Report on State Taxation.

Washington, May 21.—The first installment of the results of the bureau of corporations' inquiry into state taxation of manufacturing, mercantile and transportation corporations in the United States was published today. The report which was given out by Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, is devoted to the New England states.

Clark Has Fight Ahead.

Washington, May 22.—A senator, as yet unidentified, has asked for a meeting of the committee on territories to consider the nomination of Walter E. Clark, who was yesterday nominated to be governor of Alaska. Friends of Clark apprehend that this may mean objection to his confirmation, which it had been assumed would be given promptly.

Monument to Union Dead.

Washington, May 22.—Miss Helen Taft, daughter of the president, has accepted an invitation to unveil the monument erected at Gettysburg, Pa., in memory of the soldiers of the regular army who participated in the Gettysburg campaign. The ceremony will take place May 31.

Hodges to Command Dakota.

Washington, May 18.—Brigadier General Charles T. Hodges, recently detached from command of the Department of the Visayas in the Philippines, will be assigned to the command of the Department of the Dakotas, with headquarters at St. Paul.

CZAR PARDONS TWO.

Sentences on Admiral Nebogatoff and General Stoessel Revoked.

St. Petersburg, May 19.—The czar today ordered the release of Admiral Nebogatoff and General Stoessel, who were confined at the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, under sentences of life imprisonment. Nebogatoff surrendered his fleet to Admiral Togo and Soessel surrendered Fort Arthur during the war with Japan. They were tried for cowardice, and imprisoned for life after the close of the war. Stoessel is believed to be dying and Nebogatoff is very sick. While the illness of the pair was given as the reason for the czar's pardon, it is known that popular agitation along other lines had a certain bearing upon the case.

There has been an unusually strong undercurrent of unrest for some time, and the imprisonment of the officers was used as a shield by certain agitators.

Another line of attack made on the government is criticism over the recent appropriation of 80,841,000 roubles for improvement of the army, while no steps have been taken for the relief of the thousands of persons who are starving to death in the Kieff district. Dispatches are received every day telling of frightful famine conditions in that district, but as yet no action has been taken by the government.

GENERAL STRIKE IS CALLED.

Appeal of French Revolutionists Fails to Aid Postmen.

Paris, May 19.—The efforts of the revolutionary labor leaders to bring about a general strike of affiliated unions in support of the postal employees was without result up to midnight. An appeal to the workers of France to come to the aid of their comrades in the postal service with a general strike was issued by the federal committee of the postal employees and plaarded throughout Paris during the night.

A sensation was caused by the discovery at the central postoffice of a mysterious package resembling an infernal machine. It was carried to the municipal laboratory and opened under water. The package contained a decayed lobster.

The committee of the General Federation of Labor today decided to call the postmen to return to work, but with the assurance that the General Federation of Labor would begin the organization of a series of manifestations in different branches of industry, to emphasize the general claims of the working class.

UNCLE SAM AS AUCTIONEER.

Smuggled Finery to Be Sold Under Hammer in June.

New York, May 19.—The government's much heralded sale of costly smuggled gowns will start June 1, when the contents of one trunk, containing 67 shirtwaists, will be offered at auction. These waists, appraised at from \$50 to \$300 each, are said to be among the finest produced in Paris in many years.

Trunk No. 2, the contents of which will be offered for sale on June 4, contains 30 magnificent lace waists, each one described as a "dream," and not one appraised at less than \$200. In trunk No. 3 there are 49 princess gowns, the minimum appraisal being \$250. They will be offered at auction on June 8. Forty-three princess costumes in trunk No. 4 will be offered at auction on June 10. Among these are several dinner gowns, appraised at \$1,000 and more. On June 12 the shirtwaists in trunk No. 5 will be offered at auction. The total appraisal of the smuggled gowns was \$520,000.

Sleuths Become Jealous.

Spokane, May 19.—The police, the sheriff's office and the big force of detectives brought here by the Great Northern confess they have no clues whatever to indicate the whereabouts of the robbers who held up a Great Northern train near Spokane Saturday night. There is a woeful lack of cooperation between the sheriff, the police and the railroad detectives, and apparently the magnitude of the rewards has excited jealousy and petty rivalry. Four suspects arrested a short distance from Spokane were released.

One Man Can Sink Fleet.

New Orleans, May 19.—If the device for the destruction of protected magazines aboard battleships and in forts, devised by H. A. Folk, of this city, is practical, modern warfare will be revolutionized. Folk claims to have discovered a way by which magazines in vessels miles distant can be exploded by a wireless spark set off by an operator in a tower on the shore. He claims that one man can destroy an entire fleet within a very few minutes.

Czar 41 Years of Age.

St. Petersburg, May 19.—In the seclusion of the imperial palace at Peterhof Emperor Nicholas passed his forty-first birthday yesterday. The customary official observances of the anniversary were held, but owing to the tendency of the authorities to suppress any public gatherings or demonstrations of whatever character, there was no popular celebration of the day.

Japanese Strike Broken.

Honolulu, May 19.—The strike of the Japanese plantation laborers is apparently losing ground. More strike breakers than could be used at the plantations offered themselves today and the employers have decided to order the strikers either to return to work or leave the Honolulu and Oahu plantations.

REDUCE RATES TO INTERIOR POINTS

Voluntary Reduction Made in Hope of Satisfying Public.

Average Cut of 15 Per Cent to Be Made—Freight Carriers Decide Not to Appeal From Spokane Ruling, but Will Stand Loss of Revenue to Save Trouble.

Chicago, May 18.—The Record-Herald says:

A new freight rate schedule from all the territory east of the Missouri river to all the Western cities not located on the Pacific coast will go into effect on the transcontinental lines July 1.

The new rates will be based upon the rates which the Interstate Commerce commission ordered the railroads to put in from St. Paul and Chicago to Spokane and will be an average reduction under the present rates of about 15 per cent.

The railroads decided to do this instead of fighting the order of the commission in the courts.

One of the officials who are attending said:

"The railroads have decided to try to carry out the principle announced by the commission in the Spokane rate decision, instead of appealing to the courts to prevent such a reduction in our revenue."

REWARDS TOTAL \$66,000.

Sleuths Flock to Spokane in Search of Train Robbers.

Spokane, May 18.—Responding to the offer of rewards aggregating \$66,000, offered by the Federal authorities and the railroad company for the capture and conviction of the robbers who held up and plundered a Great Northern train near Spokane, detectives are gathering here from many places. Several arrived from Denver, and the Pinkerton force here has been increased to 25.

Spokane police believe the robbers made their way into Spokane and a close watch is kept on the saloons and lodging houses. A number of detectives are working on the theory that the desperadoes are hiding in the mountains back of Colbert.

Police and railway men say they do not believe that Charles McDonald, the notorious train robber who broke jail in Helena, Mont., while awaiting trial for holding up a Great Northern train at Rondo, Mont., shared in last Saturday's crime. They say McDonald would not be likely to again invade territory in which he is known to so many persons.

GROWL AGAINST KAISER.

Extravagance of His Welcome Angers Austrian Taxpayers.

Vienna, May 18.—This city is echoing with gossip and comment in connection with the visit of Emperor William. It is agreed that the welcome of the august visitor was outwardly hearty and that the decorations were on a scale quite disproportionate to the brief and incidental character of the visit. Indeed, the extravagance of the municipal authorities has aroused the indignation of the already overburdened taxpayers.

As to the real inward welcome of the kaiser, there is less certainty. Despite glowing panegyrics of the Viennese newspapers and their asseverations of gratitude for Germany's support in the dark days of the Balkan crisis, coupled with declarations that the future interests of the two empires will be still more closely united, politicians are afraid that Austria has given Germany a heavy mortgage on her future. Austria may be forced to join Germany in any foreign policy the latter chooses to adopt.

Drives Capital to America.

London, May 18.—As a result of the proposed increased income tax in the budget submitted by the chancellor of the exchequer, Lloyd-George, the Duke of Bedford, extensive landholder and scientific farmer, is to invest \$2,500,000 in California, according to a report current here today. The immense Thorne estates in Cambridgeshire were recently sold to the government by Duke of Bedford for a sum in excess of \$250,000. The proceeds of this sale, it is said, will be invested in California farming lands.

Prohibit Public Drinking.

Colorado Springs, Colo., May 18.—An additional precaution to insure the carrying out of the wishes of the "dry" element of Colorado Springs, victorious in the recent local option election was supplied tonight in an ordinance presented to the city council by City Attorney C. W. Dolph. By its provisions drinking liquor in any public place, including the hotels and restaurants of the city, is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$100 to \$300.

Railway Travel Growing Safe.

Chicago, May 18.—According to a report made public by the Pennsylvania lines, the system carried 141,659,543 passengers over 23,000 miles of rails without the loss of life to a single passenger train from train accidents during 1908. The number of passengers injured throughout the year was 102, a decrease of 81.6 per cent from the casualty list of 1907.