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WINE PERMITS BARTERED BY DRY SLEUTHS

Amazing Tale of Graft and Corruption Revealed at Trial

OFFICERS UNDER FIRE

Conspiracy Case in Chicago Federal Court Produces Sensations

BY H. G. HOUSER

United News Staff Correspondent CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—Behind the story of how \$15,000,000 worth of sacramental wines trickled down unfastened throats here in 1924 was an amazing tale of graft and corruption in the ranks of the dry sleuths, according to testimony against former Prohibition Director Percy B. Owen and State Senator Lowell B. Mason, on trial for conspiracy to violate the Volstead act.

This side of the picture was told from the stand today by Harry R. Schiau, a bathhouse proprietor and admitted "go-between" man for wine dealers who sought to slake the thirsts of their "congregations," and Owen who issued the sacramental wine permits.

Crooks Given Jobs

To snip the usual red tape involved with the issuance of a permit, Schiau said, aides of the wine ring were given jobs as dry sleuths to investigate the standing of applicants for permits. Invariably this meant approval of the permit and the collection of a \$200 fee by Louis Abelson, a "fixer," who divided with the ring.

Abelson, who also occupied the stand, corroborated Schiau's story with the exception of accusing Owen and that he pictured himself as a law-abiding citizen who frequently cautioned the boys "to be sure all transactions were legal."

Scheme Outlined

The business began early in 1924, when Schiau said he slipped Owen \$50 in a glove. It was Abelson who suggested "the racket" to him, Schiau said, and by the end of the year fees were coming in amounts as high as \$1,000. Abelson's scheme as outlined by Schiau was to line up a lot of wine dealers willing to pay money for sacramental wine permits. Schiau, as a friend of Owen's was to induce the prohibition director to cooperate; with Owens help friendly investigators could be appointed, and then it would be all over but the collecting.

Price is Raised

Each dealer paid \$200 for a permit which entitled him to distribute 2,000 gallons of wine. Later the fee was raised to \$400 as the business progressed to great proportions and greater risks, according to Schiau.

So far no direct testimony has been introduced to show that Mason, the "dry" czar, shared in the graft.

The case is declared by federal prosecutors to involve one of the largest liquor conspiracies yet uncovered in the middle west.

Gold Mining Still Profitable

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Oct. 28.—(United News)—Gold mining is still profitable in California. Using a dilapidated automobile engine for power, W. D. Wilson extracted \$1144 worth of gold in four days. Wilson's claim is known as the Rainbow mine, and is located in the Indian creek section of the mother lode region.

Saunders Funeral Plans Announced

Funeral services for Mrs. J. B. Saunders, who passed away Monday after a lingering illness, will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow at the J. P. Dodge and Sons chapel. Burial will be in Ashland cemetery.

ASHLAND LITHIANS URGE ADOPTION OF WATER BOND ISSUE

Indorsement of All Proposals is Made by Booster Club

Another civic organization has come out unanimously in favor of the city water bond issue.

This time it is the Ashland Lithians, who this week adopted a report of a special water bond committee, in which every phase of the proposed issue is given indorsement.

The committee emphasized especially the vital need of repairing the mineral water pipe line which carries Ashland's famed mineral water from the springs to the public fountains in Lithia park.

The people of Ashland are urged to vote for every recommendation which will be submitted relative to the enlargement and improvement of the city's water supply.

Members of the special committee were B. C. Forsythe, Gerald Wenner and Earl Crow.

EIGHT CARPENTERS ACCUSED OF MURDER

Grand Jury at San Francisco Indicts High Union Officers

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 28.—(UP)—Eight members of the carpenter's union were indicted by the county grand jury early today on murder charges in connection with the killing of W. C. Campbell, a non-union carpenter who was slugged to death. The jury's action followed a long session in which 16 witnesses were heard.

Those indicted were: Apollonius J. Womsey, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Carpenters; Carl J. O'Brien, president of the local union; Albert Moore, Sam Moore, George Pasca, Gus Madison, John Cannon and Chris O'Sullivan, all carpenters.

KING FERDINAND IS REPORTED QUITE ILL

Queen Marie May be Asked to Return to Rumania Soon

BERLIN, Oct. 28.—(United News)—The Telegraph Union has published a dispatch from its Belgrade, Jugo-Slavia correspondent, in which he quotes Bucharest reports that the health of King Ferdinand of Rumania has taken a most serious turn, necessitating a cable to Queen Marie, which requested her to discontinue her American trip and return home immediately.

Confirmation of the report from other sources is lacking.

Marshfield Boy Killed By Auto

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Oct. 28.—Homer James, 9, son of Mrs. S. James, Millington, was almost instantly killed on the highway near here late Tuesday afternoon when he was struck by a car driven by Mrs. Bessie McElkern of North Bend.

According to witnesses, the lad was coming home from school and had been hanging on the back of a truck. He suddenly dropped off and Mrs. McElkern, driving behind the other vehicle could not stop in time to avoid the accident.

Bids On Store To Be Decided

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 28.—(UP)—Whether the J. G. Brill bid of \$50,000 for the Pilscher store in Oregon or two new bids will be accepted will be decided Monday, it was announced today by Federal Judge Bean. The report of the receiver on Oct. 11, recommended that the Brill bid be accepted but since then two new bids have been received.

FRIENDS GET RICH CHICAGO MAN'S ESTATE

Merchant Prince Bequeaths Big Fortune to Many Persons

REMEMBERS SERVANTS

Charities Given \$5000; Charity Not Mentioned in Last Will

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—(United News)—A merchant prince's philosophy of wealth was revealed posthumously here when the will of John G. Shedd, late head of Marshall Field and company, disposing of \$15,215,000, was filed for probate.

During his life time, while he was still young enough to enjoy the fruits of good work Shedd gave millions of dollars to charity but of the vast fortune that he left at his death not a cent goes to charitable objects.

Beit Big Aquarium

One of the gifts that made Shedd a nationally known philanthropist was the \$3,000,000 which he gave to Chicago for the construction of a large aquarium in Grant Park.

"During my life I have made what I regarded as appropriate gifts to charity," Shedd wrote in his will, apparently explaining why all of his estate was being left to friends and relatives.

Helps Employes

To his "faithful and skilled employes," Reuben Delaunt, Shedd's will bequeaths \$5,000. A similar amount is given to Patrick Brittain, an employe of the Shedd winter home in Pasadena.

To each of his servants who had been in his employe for five years Shedd left \$1,000.

GLORIA VANDERBILT IS LEFT SMALL SUM

Widow of "Prince of Spenders" Will Receive Just \$82,000

NEWPORT R. I., Oct. 28.—(United News)—Gloria Morgan Vanderbilt, widow of the late Reginald Claypole Vanderbilt, the "prince of spenders," will have to be satisfied with a paltry legacy of \$82,000.

Reginald waded through a fortune of more than a million dollars and died just \$275,000 in debt. After all the debts were paid, two handsome estates and the furniture, there was left \$82,000 for Mrs. Vanderbilt.

The village council of Portsmouth, where Vanderbilt's palatial country house was located, sat as a probate court this afternoon, and granted the widow \$82,000 in the final wind up of the affairs of the estate.

"Slim" Is Given Divorce Decree

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 18.—(United News)—Carl Dane, former carpenter, whose role of "Slim" in "The Big Parade" brought him fame and fortune in the movies overnight, secured a divorce here Wednesday from Emma Dane.

Thomas Campbell Dies In Portland

PORTLAND, Oct. 28.—Thomas K. Campbell, chairman of the Oregon public service commission, died here Wednesday. He was for many years a leader in the regulation of railroads and other utilities.

Rumania To Ask Loan From U. S.

BUCHAREST, Oct. 28.—(United News)—Hope that Rumania's rich oil resources may be used as security for a wall street loan to this country has been expressed by Minister of Finance Lapodita in an exclusive interview with the United News.

WONDER IF MARS RECEIVED IT? SPIRITUALIST SENDS A MESSAGE AND IT COST HIM REAL MONEY

LONDON, Oct. 27.—(United News)—Out into the ether Mars its destination, the following message spattered from the government wireless station at Rugby promptly at midnight Wednesday:

"Opeeti hipita secomba." These three words, alleged to be a part of the Martia language, were repeated five times by direction of the sender, Dr. Mansfield, a prominent spiritualist who paid for his interplanetary message at the rate of 35 cents a word, or a total of \$10.15 for the 28 words, and the address.

Dr. Robinson's message was prefaced by the letter "M" repeated nine times and then "GBR" which is Rugby's call station.

SLAYING SUSPECT HELD IN PORTLAND

Man Caught in Bed of House Held During Probe of Murder Cases

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 28.—(UP)—After he had entered the J. C. Roudy home and frightened the occupants into the street, a man giving the name of Axel Mikkelsen was arrested here and held in connection with Portland's three mystery deaths early today. The family called the police after the man entered the house and was found upstairs in bed.

It was said at police headquarters that his description answers that of the man seen about the homes of the three women, who died mysteriously last week.

Negroes Protest Academy Rumors

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—(United News)—An alleged refusal by the United States naval academy football team to play Colgate unless Ray Vaughan a colored player, was kept on the bench, is condemned in a protest forwarded to the Secretary of the Navy Wilbur, by the National Association of Colored People.

It was admitted here that no definite objection to Vaughan's playing was in the hands of the association.

Savage Rapids Screen Ordered

PORTLAND, Oct. 28.—On their bid of \$4,350, the Willamette Iron and Steel works of this city was awarded the contract for fish screens for the turbines at Savage rapids dam on the Rogue River.

DENIAL MADE OF CAMPAIGN MONEY SPENT

Witnesses Testify They Did Not Pay Oregonian \$35,000

HEARING NEARS CLOSE

Electric Company Head Says He is Not Interested in Candidates

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 28.—(United Press)—F. M. Clark of Philadelphia, chairman of the executive board of the Portland Electric Power company, appearing before Senator McNary in the election investigation now under way, today denied a report that his company had paid The Oregonian \$35,000 to cause the defeat of Senator Stanfield.

"The company is not in politics as affects candidates," Mr. Clark said.

DENIAL MADE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 28.—(United Press)—Walter Hayes, vice-president of the National Securities company, today denied that he ever charged that the Portland Electric Power company gave \$35,000 to the Portland Oregonian to cause the defeat of Senator Stanfield.

"I never heard of the company," he said.

EXPENSES LISTED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 28.—(United Press)—Frederick Steiwer, republican candidate for senator from Oregon, reported receipts of \$1000 from the state committee, \$2500 from the national committee and \$598 spent personally in his campaign. He also acknowledged \$2774 which was spent by his campaign committee.

ANOTHER PROBE

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 28.—(United Press)—Senator James A. Reed, chairman of the senatorial investigation committee, today announced he would ask Senator McNary of Oregon to investigate expenditures made in the Arizona primaries.

The bodies of 50,000 cats, which are destroyed by the British S. P. C. A. annually, were turned over to a fur dealer in return for a fixed sum.

WINNER OF FIRST PRIZE IN CONTEST

Normal Student High in Letter Contest; Other Winners Named

Lyle Ashcraft, a student at the Southern Oregon State Normal school, won first prize in the letter writing contest as conducted by The Ashland Tidings.

Mrs. Albert Segsworth won second prize and Mrs. Mamie Dudley won third prize.

These awards were announced today noon by the judges who read the letters submitted their findings. The Judges were J. H. Hardy, president of the Kiwanis club; O. F. Carson, president of the chamber of commerce; G. A. Briscoe, superintendent of schools; J. A. Churchill, president of the normal school, and Mrs. P. K. Hammond, vice-president of the Women's Civic club.

The judges also asked that Ted Kinney, a normal school student, be given honorable mention for his letter, which they said was of exceptional merit.

The contest created city-wide interest as evidenced by the large number of entries, and the judges found it a difficult task to eliminate many letters which they regarded almost equal to those which they placed as the three highest.

The three prize winners will be special guests of the Kiwanis club tomorrow noon at which time the cash awards of \$15, \$10 and \$5 will be made.

The letters were judged on their excellence as genuine booster letters for Ashland, giving reasons why, in the opinion of the writers, persons in other sections should visit this city.

NOTED COMEDIAN IS STILL UNCONSCIOUS

Frank Tinney Has Been Semi-Conscious State for 25 Days

DETROIT, Oct. 28.—(United News)—Frank Tinney, black-face comedian, is establishing what doctors here believe may be a record for semi-consciousness. Tinney, who was brought to the St. Mary's hospital on October 2, suffering with pleurisy, has been in a coma for 25 days.

"It is the longest I have ever seen a man remain in this state," Dr. L. F. Hyalip, Tinney's physician, said tonight.

Tinney seems to be regaining his physical strength, but does not appear to be working out of his semi-consciousness.

Hillah Temple Plans Session

Hillah Temple of Ashland of the Mystic Shrine, whose membership is spread over all Southern Oregon, is to make a pilgrimage and stage a ceremonial at Roseburg, on Thursday, November 18, for which extensive preparations are in the making.

Parent-Teacher Congress Opens

SALEM, Oct. 28.—(United News)—Nearly 300 delegates from all sections of Oregon were in attendance at the 21-st annual convention of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, which opened here Tuesday night for a four day session.

AIMEE'S CASE NEARS END AT LOS ANGELES

Defense Expected to Complete Its Testimony by Tonight

DECISION IS EXPECTED

Judge Expected to Hand Down Ruling Within a Short Time

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 28.—(United News)—A decision in the Aimee Semple McPherson perjury hearing may be reached within a few days it was indicated Wednesday when counsel for the defense announced that only two more witnesses remain to be called and unless further legal wrangles are precipitated the defense will rest today.

It became definitely known that the evangelist would not take the stand in her own defense, following the announcement of W. I. Gilbert, as the witnesses who will complete the testimony of the defense have been named.

Will Call Boy

A last sweeping bit of melodrama will be infused into the lengthy hearing, when 19 year old Robert Wiseman will be asked to take the stand and brand his mother, Mrs. Lorraine Wiseman, the "hoax woman," a liar.

The entire gamut of paradoxes in the procedure will have been run with young Wiseman's appearance. Sister has been opposed to sister; attorney to his client and bed fellows on many a cow-punching foray into the desert have taken sides against each other in this trial without parallel.

Expert to Testify

Another defense witness, Leslie Swan, handwriting expert, is scheduled to precede young Wiseman and point out symptoms of "doctoring" in the penmanship of specimens found at the Carmel cottage and at Ocean Park beach, where Mrs. McPherson prepared the notes for her now famous "light and darkness" sermon.

The defense will attempt to have young Wiseman brand false certain details of his mother's journeys to Sallinas and Carmel in her role as producer of "Miss X." He accompanied his mother on several such expeditions, it was developed from her testimony.

It was indicated that arguments would be in order before Thursday's session was concluded, but no intimation of their length was to be had from either side.

Mussolini Says Italy Is Solid

ROME, Oct. 28.—(United News)—No force in the world and especially no external force can break the unity of fascist Italy, Premier Mussolini said Wednesday in a message sent the newspaper Tribune as his comment on Thursday's fourth anniversary of the fascist march on Rome.

Posse Searching For Mail Outlaws

PAXTON, Ill., Oct. 28.—(UP)—Several hundred possemen are searching the countryside today for three members of the gang who entered the postoffice here early today and shot Harry Swanson, mail clerk, who was alone at the time. Swanson is believed to be fatally injured.

Bids Are Asked For Mail Route

The Postoffice Department is advertising for bids for the carrying of the mail daily between Ashland and Pinehurst postoffices 35 miles east of Ashland on the Green Springs road. Bids will be received up to November 25.

