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JURY IN HERMANN CASE UNABLE TO AGREE

JURY ELEVEN TO ONE FOR CONVICTION AFTER BEING OUT 48 HOURS

Guilt or Innocence of Former Congressman Binger Hermann, Charged With Conspiracy to Defraud the Government of Public Lands in Creation of Blue Mountain Forest Reserve While General Land Commissioner, Still Undecided—An Agreement Out of the Question.

LACK OF VINDICATION SPOILS PLANS OF DEFENDANT FOR SEEKING ELECTION TO CONGRESS

Henny Moves at Once for New Trial to Begin Next Monday, But Date is Left Open Subject to Agreement of Counsel Upon Both Sides—Selkirk Lone Juror for Acquittal.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 14.—The guilt or innocence of Ex-Congressman Binger Hermann, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government of public lands in the creation of the Blue Mountain forest reserve, while Hermann was commissioner of the general land office is still undecided. The jury which stood 11 for conviction and one for acquittal was discharged by Judge Wolverton at 9:40 o'clock this morning after wrestling with the evidence in the case for nearly 48 hours. This action was taken following the announcement by the foreman that an agreement was out of the question.

The inability of the jury to reach an agreement has entirely upset the plan of the aged defendant, it having been announced that in the event of vindication, Hermann would be a candidate for congress from his old district, the first congressional district, against Representative Hawley, the present incumbent.

PEOPLE ALIENATED FROM PRESIDENT

Kansas City Star Comments With Sorrow on Lack of Confidence. Shown in Mr. Taft.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 14.—The Kansas City Star, the first paper in the middle-west to urge the nomination of William H. Taft for the presidency and whose editor, W. R. Nelson, is a personal friend of the chief executive, said today:

"In his speech in New York President Taft admitted a loss of popularity for his administration that might cause the Republican party to lose the house of representatives. He might have gone even further. So great has the defection been that if a presidential election were to be held next November, there is probably but one Republican, Roosevelt, who would stand a chance of carrying the country against a ticket headed, for example, by Gaynor or Folk."

"In all this transformation of public sentiment there, has been little bitterness. "Instead there has been general sorrow over a loss of confidence in a president of charming personality and right intentions, who, partly from temperament, partly from lack of sagacity, and partly from a deficiency in aggressive militant earnestness, has alienated the people who believed they had found in him a man to carry out the work of Roosevelt."

WISHES TO REACH PACIFIC COAST TO SEE SWEETHEART

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—William G. Maginnis, the wireless operator whose bravery saved the crew of the steamship Kentucky from death recently off the North Carolina coast, will make another attempt to journey to Portland, Or., where it is reported there is a certain young lady who will give a certain answer to a certain question asked her by Maginnis.

So anxious was Maginnis to reach the Pacific coast that he "took a chance" when he replaced a timid wireless operator on the leaky Kentucky.

TWO ACCUSED NEW YORK OFFICIALS AND MEN WHO MAKE CHARGES AGAINST THEM.



HORACE WHITE

JOTHAM P. ALLDS



W. H. HOTCHKISS



BENN CONGER

TAFT PLEASES STEEL TRUST

Lincoln Day Talk Pronounced a Friendly Message to Big Business and Very Timely—Magnates Talk.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The sentiment of many of the big financiers was expressed today regarding President Taft's Lincoln day speech by Chairman Geary of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, who said:

"The president's speech was candid, clear and convincing. It is a friendly message to business and is very timely. The president intends to bring about adjustments which will not disturb the prosperity existing."

President Brown of the New York Central railroad, when asked for his opinion said:

"President Taft's speech was reassuring, and will tend to inspire confidence. The corporations of the country are trying earnestly and honestly to comply with the laws."

Henry Clews declared: "The president shows a firm attitude against law breakers. The laws are for all alike and there can be no discrimination between individuals or corporations."

ITO'S ASSASSIN TO PAY DEATH PENALTY

TOKYO, Feb. 14.—It was announced by the government here today that Inehan Angan, who assassinated Prince Ito at Harbin last fall, has been convicted and sentenced to death. Angan was a member of theorean Liberal party and his associates in Korea have secretly honored him as a martyr. Special precautions have been ordered to prevent a demonstration in Seoul.

HUGHES WILL PROBE GRAFT

Legislative Bribers to Be Investigated by Governor, Who Intends to Drive Grafters Out of Politics.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 14.—Intense interest is manifested here in the expressed possibility of a general investigation of the state legislature for the purpose of uncovering alleged bribery in connection with legislation during the last ten years.

Governor Hughes was in his office today after having conferred with President Taft and other prominent leaders in New York City, but refused to make any comment regarding the possibility of a general investigation being launched.

The senate investigation so far has been confined to the trial of majority leader Jotham P. Allds upon the charge of accepting a bribe of \$1000 in 1901 to kill a highway bill.

It is rumored that Governor Hughes intends to drive out of politics in this state any men he can prove to have been connected with alleged bribery of the legislature.

Two high officials of New York state have been made the objects of charges of misconduct while holding office. They are Jotham P. Allds, president pro tem. of the state senate, and Horace White, residing officer of the senate by virtue of his office of lieutenant governor. Senator Allds is charged by Benn Conger, a fellow member of the state senate, with taking money for aiding in the defeat of proposed highway legislation. Senator Conger alleges that the bribe was taken nine years ago while he and Mr. Allds were fellow members of the assembly. The charge is denied absolutely by Mr. Allds. Mr. White is accused of being involved in a financial transaction whereby the

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ROOSEVELT IS FAVORITE OF EDITORS

Poll by Chicago Tribune Shows That Teddy is the Choice for President in States West of the Alleghany Mountains.

PACIFIC COAST STATES ALL FAVOR LION HUNTER

Taft Only Leads in Ohio, Missouri, Idaho, Colorado, Wyoming, Tennessee and Arizona.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 14.—The Tribune today announces the result of a canvass which it states has been made of the Republican editors of newspapers west of the Alleghany mountains, regarding their present choice for president, with the following total results: Roosevelt, 1360; Taft, 1093; LaFollette, 197; Hughes, 122; Cummins, 65; Pinchot, 30; Cannon, 14; Bryan, 40; scattering, 144.

The paper prints the following as the results of Pacific coast papers: Roosevelt, 51; Taft, 31; LaFollette, 1; Hughes, 3; Cummins, 1; Pinchot, 1; Dolliver, 2; Cannon, 1, and Bryan, 1.

Oregon—Roosevelt, 32; Taft, 14; LaFollette, 3; Hughes, 5; Pinchot, 1; Cannon, 1, and Bryan, 2.

California—Roosevelt, 81; Taft, 45; LaFollette, 4; Hughes, 4; Pinchot, 2; Dolliver, 1; Bryan, 1.

In summing up the result of the canvass, the paper says: "Roosevelt has not only a majority of the votes, but his strength runs so uniformly that he is indorsed by a majority of the states. He is strongly in the lake group, where he has 486 votes to Taft's 427. He leads in the prairie states by 617 to 475, and on the Pacific coast by 164 to 90.

Roosevelt leads in 15 of the 22 states: Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Washington, Oregon, California, Kentucky and Nevada.

"Their states have a population of 5,501,665 and will poll 294 votes in the Republican national convention."

GLAVIS ON STAND IN INVESTIGATION

Ballinger Inquiry Resumed Before Largest Crowd Yet Assembled Before Deliberations.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14.—The Ballinger investigation committee resumed its work today before the largest crowd that has yet been present at its deliberations.

L. R. Glavis, former chief forester of the field division of the general land office, was again called to the witness stand. Prior to its official meeting the committee went into executive session, which lasted more than half an hour.

Albert Walker, one of the prominent stockmen of Bly, Klamath county, was in Medford Monday on his way to Jacksonville.

M. C. Miller, secretary of the Sutherland Land, Water & Power company of Douglas county, is a business visitor in Medford today.

APPLICATION IS SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

Who is American Development Company That Seeks Blanket Franchise on All Roads of Jackson Co. Without Revealing Identity?

NO FRANCHISE GRANTED BY COUNTY COURT

Ashland Attorney Who Appears for Applicants, Does Not Know Their Names.

Who is the American Development Co.?

Who are the backers and financiers of this concern that asks a blanket franchise over Jackson county roads for a trolley line, a franchise that has not yet been granted by the county court, though erroneously reported to have been granted?

The secretary of state reports that the American Development company was organized under the laws of Oregon with E. M. Runyon, A. L. Veagie and C. J. Veagle as incorporators. But all are unknown here. The two latter are Portland lawyers, but whom they represent is unknown.

The company applied for the franchise some time since, and the county court and commissioners have taken the matter under advisement. Neither Judge Neil nor the commissioners have any information as to who the American Development Co. is, what its plans are, what its capitalization is, or what its intentions are.

The franchise as printed in the Mail Tribune Sunday was the draft submitted to the county court, which the court held up. Owing to a misunderstanding over the phone it was reported as having been granted.

Diligent inquiry on the part of the Mail Tribune, both at Jacksonville and at Grants Pass, where supplementary articles of incorporation were said to have been filed, failed to reveal the names of the officers of the corporation, nor does the draft presented show any name except of the "American Development Co."

G. F. Trefren of Ashland, who represented the company before the county board, said:

"I really cannot remember the names of the officers of the company, nor do I recollect who are the incorporators. I had a memoranda of the names which I sent to Josephine county, where a similar application has been filed. I understand that articles of incorporation would be filed in both counties, and am surprised that they have not been filed here. The company is composed of Portland and British Columbia parties, who are interested in this section, that is about all that I know of them."

The county clerk of Josephine county, by telephone, this morning disclaims any knowledge of the company whatever.

John R. Allen of New York, builder of the Pacific & Eastern railroad, has obtained trolley franchises in Medford and Grants Pass for an interurban electric line, but, so far as known, has no connection with the American Development Co. He is expected here in March, when the work of securing additional franchises as well as construction work be undertaken.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14.—Vessels sent out to search for the tug Nina reported today that they had found no trace of the missing vessel. The ship is long overdue. While it is possible she has been blown out of her course and may yet make port, it is feared she is lost.