

TURNING LIGHT ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Senate Committee Resumes Probe With Son of Former Treasurer on Stand—Bliss' Letters Fail to Mention Standard Oil Contributions.

Letter to Bliss From Roosevelt is Read in Which Colonel Begs Him to Act—Bliss Burned Papers.



WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—The most sweeping investigation of "big business" in politics ever held in the United States was begun today by a special senate committee.

Financial and political giants of the nation are awaiting witness stand ordeals.

How far has "big business" gone in influencing legislation in both the senate and house?

What senators and representatives have been in intimate correspondence with "trust" heads?

These are some of the principal questions to be brought out by scores of witnesses ordered to appear before the committee.

The investigation today is being conducted by a select committee of five senators under authority of the so-called "Penrose resolution" passed by the senate last August just before congress adjourned.

Senator Oliver (rep., Pa.), Jones (rep., Wash.), Pomerene (dem., O.), and Paynter (dem., Ky.)

Awaiting examination regarding campaign contributions are Col. Roosevelt, George B. Cortelyou, Geo. W. Perkins, Cornelius N. Bliss, jr., Senator Dixon, Roosevelt's campaign manager; Treasurer Sheldon of the national republican committee, and ante-convention managers of Gov. Woodrow Wilson, Speaker Clark, Rep. Oscar Underwood, Gov. Harmon, of Ohio, and other candidates at the recent party conventions.

Bliss Called First

Cornelius Bliss of New York was the first witness called by the senate campaign contributions investigation committee here today when the probe renewed their investigation of contribution to the republican campaign of 1904.

Bliss is a son of the late Cornelius N. Bliss who was treasurer of the republican national committee in 1904.

John D. Archbold testified recently that the Standard Oil Co. contributed \$125,000 to the republicans in 1904, the money being paid to the treasurer, Theodore Roosevelt who headed the republican ticket in 1904.

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CONDEMNED MAN PICKS LOCK; MAKES COMPLETE GETAWAY

CARSON, Nev., Sept. 30.—Picking the lock of his cell in the death chamber of the state penitentiary here, Fred Skinner, sentenced to die for the murder of a woman at Rhyolite, passed through the gallows room which had been prepared for his execution and scaled the jail yard to safety. Skinner escaped yesterday but the fact was kept secret until today.

The escape was one of the most daring in the history of the penitentiary. Skinner, an expert electrician, had been feigning insanity. He left a dummy in his bed in the death cell, foiling the guards who made hourly rounds. Making his way to the prison yard through the gallows room, Skinner went to the electric force guarding the south outlet. He short-circuited the current and climbed over. Then he restored the circuit and fled to the mountains.

IS HANDED ROAST



State Printer Dunnway

RICHARDSON, BEAR STATE PRINTER, IS EXCEEDINGLY WROTH

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 30.—Friend William Richardson, state printer for California, has just received from Oregon some interesting statements concerning his office which are being published throughout Oregon by Willis Dunnway who is trying to defeat an initiative measure that will remove him as state printer in that commonwealth.

The Oregon official is holding up Richardson's office as a shame and scandal and Richardson is mighty wroth.

Dunnway, while known as state printer, is merely hired to do the state printing at contract rates. He hires non-union printers. He is making a lavish expenditure for advertising to defeat an initiative bill drafted by the Portland central labor council. The bill puts the state printer on a flat salary, and provides that he shall "enter into a contract" for the labor to be performed.

That means that he must enter into a contract with the International Typographical and other unions in the printing.

Dunnway, Richardson is informed, goes into the newspapers with figures which purport to show that state-owned printing plants are always used for graft and ruinous extravagance. He quotes figures from the malodorous Shannon regime in California, but makes it appear that the same condition now prevails.

MANY HOMELESS NORTHERN MEXICO

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Sept. 30.—Refugees from Southern Sonora this morning say that at least 1,000 Yaquis are on the warpath in the wild country of Guaymas and all the roads are unsafe.

The refugees also bring reports that the rebel depredations have rendered thousands homeless throughout Sonora and as few crops have been planted they are facing a condition of famine. The rebels turned their horses loose into the fields, where the growing crops were, and killed the cattle of the settlers.

LEADERS HEAVY ON STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Heaviness in the leaders, including Steel, Reading, Amalgamated and Union Pacific, featured today's stock market at the opening. Substantial gains, however, in several specialties including Pacific Mail, and Lackawanna Steel, the latter advancing three points, offset in a measure this heaviness.

Conflicting conditions of various sorts tended to give an irregular tone to the market. London's final quotations for American shares were lower, followed by heavy selling for London account on the opening here.

Money opened at six per cent and soon advanced to 6 1/2, causing a setback of operations. American bankers secured more than \$5,000,000 gold in London. The market closed strong.

Bonds were steady.

TRIAL OF LABOR LEADERS OPENS AT SALEM, MASS.

After Lying in Jail for Seven Months J. J. Ettor, A. Giovannitti and A. Caruso Are Brought to Trial in Superior Court—Murder is Charge

Case Attracts More Attention Than Any Other Since Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone Trial in Idaho.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Sept. 30.—Exceeding even the brutalities inflicted here upon textile strikers during the labor war, Lawrence police, in a riot this afternoon used clubs, blackjacks and even wagon tongues in a terrible punishment dealt out to union men who went out on a one day strike as a protest against the Ettor and Giovannitti trials in Salem.

More than a score were hurt and many arrested early today when a riot started at the Wood and Ayer mills but the climax of the trouble came this afternoon at the Everett mill. As those who kept at work were returning from lunch a band of strikers appeared on the scene. Some taunts were hurled and in a minute the police reserves, blackjacks and wagon tongues in hand, charged on the strikers. Scores were knocked senseless and some of them, lying unconscious on the ground, were beaten fearfully.

SALEM, Mass., Sept. 30.—Joseph J. Ettor, Arturo Giovannitti and Antonio Caruso, after lying in jail at Lawrence, Mass., since January 30, bail having been refused by the courts during the seven months of their incarceration, were brought to trial today in the superior court. Ettor and Giovannitti, both of New York, are organizers for the Industrial Workers of the World. They are charged with being accessories before the fact to the murder of Annie Lopizzo, the woman striker, shot during a clash between police and mill operatives in Lawrence, on Monday, January 27. Caruso is charged with murder in the first degree in connection with the woman's death.

Attracts Much Attention

No trial of a labor leader in the United States, excepting the McNamara and the famous Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone trial in Idaho, has attracted such attention as today's. The history of the case dates back to the passage by the legislature of Massachusetts the law limiting the working week in industrial institutions to 54 hours. Mill owners and other big employers of labor throughout the state had fought the passage of such a law bitterly and with every possible weapon. It was finally passed, however, to go into effect on January 1, 1912. For months prior to the first of the year, organizers for Industrial Workers of the World, had been quietly organizing the unskilled labor of Lawrence's great mill system which include the American Woolen company. On the first pay day after the 54-hour week had gone into effect, the men, women, boys and girls who worked in the mills found that in every instance they had been docked two hours pay. That night meetings of the various nationalities—there are some forty working in the Lawrence mills

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LLOYD-GEORGE IS A SINGLE-TAXER

LONDON, Sept. 30.—British landowners showed anxiety today at the news that Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd-George will be ready either October 7, when parliament re-convenes, or very soon afterwards, definitely to announce details of his program for "freeing the land for the benefit of the people."

"Lloyd-George is at heart a single-taxer," said one of his closest friends and advisers—an American, today.

"As a practical statesman," he continued, "George appreciates that it would not do to attempt to put England on a single tax basis all at once but that this is the end toward which he is working. He proposes, by ever increasing taxes on land to break up the land monopoly."



Masthead, in N. Y. World.

ANOTHER VOLUNTEER

EXPLOSION AT BUZZARD MINE INJURES THREE

As the result of an explosion in the Buzzard mine Sunday morning, H. A. Gardner of this city lies near death while Mark Applegate and W. McShanahan, a blacksmith, were seriously injured.

Several shots were placed in the mine at an early hour Sunday. All but one exploded and, after waiting two hours, the men re-entered the mine and began picking out the charge. The unexploded charge then went off.

Dr. E. H. Porter was summoned from this city. He did not reach the scene until late in the afternoon but states that he believes all will recover, although Gardner was very badly injured.

TAFTITES TAKE CASE INTO THE COURTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 30.—Taft leaders here today expect to make application in the state supreme court for a writ of mandate to compel Secretary of State Jordan to put the designation: "Republican" after the thirteen electors nominated by the bolting Taft minority at the Sacramento convention and to refuse the designation to the Roosevelt electors chosen by the majority.

The mandamus is sought on the ground that the bull moosers, being no longer "republicans" have no right to convene as republicans, nor to put on the ballot electors who will go on as republicans but decline to vote for the republican nominee, Taft.

MYSTERY STILL SURROUNDS FINDING OF BABY'S CORPSE

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 30.—Mystery still surrounds the finding of a two months old baby crushed into a fruitbox and left in the men's public room of a Los Angeles skyscraper early last week.

Although hundreds of men and women have viewed the remains of the child none could see any resemblance to any child they knew.

The coroner declares he will not bury the body until every effort has been exhausted to ascertain the identity of and locate the parents or persons who killed the baby.

MUCH WORK UNDER WAY IN CITY AT THE PRESENT TIME

Planning on the new bridge across Bear creek, on Jackson boulevard is nearly finished. This work will practically complete Mr. Perham's contract, which, in fact, completes the structure and opens it for travel in so far as his contract goes, but Street Commissioner Boker will need to fill in considerable dirt and gravel at the east end approach before the bridge can be used for vehicle travel.

Jackson boulevard from the bridge east about 1200 feet to the pavement has been neither graded nor gravelled and in its present condition would not be passable during the winter months, but this distance is to be graded, one small culvert put in and gravelled so that at least light vehicles can travel it during the coming winter.

Four of the footings for the new concrete bridge across Bear creek, on Main street are already in and work is progressing rapidly on the other five footings required for the support of the new concrete structure. All these footings will be put in before the actual bridge construction work will be commenced, this all being done at this time in order to be able to keep away from high water which might interfere with this sub-structural work. Mr. Perham is personally superintending every part of this sub-structural work and he is unquestionably doing a good, serviceable piece of work.

The excavations made for these footings average ten feet in depth, some of them being fifteen feet deep. The work of excavating has been exceptionally difficult because of the great amount of water encountered, but all of them have been put down to a solid cement gravel foundation.

Other city improvements being made is the oil macadam paving being put in on Taylor street, by Shaw & Schnell. The work is nearly completed and will be an experiment in this kind of paving.

An eight-inch sewer is being put in for a distance of four blocks on Portland avenue by Chelgren Bros.

Leonard Bros. have the curbing all in on West Eleventh street except in a few places where large shade trees on the parking have interfered.

MRS. RICH NO. 2 ASKS ANNULLMENT OF HER MARRIAGE

GRANTS PASS, Or., Sept. 30.—Jessie Layton Rich has brought suit in the circuit court of this county asking that the marriage contract entered into by her with Lawrence R. Rich, on February 14, last, be annulled.

In the complaint Mrs. Rich alleges that Rich caused her to marry him through the false and fraudulent representations that he was an unmarried man when in truth he was a married man whose wife was then living and undivorced.

Mrs. Rich asks that the marriage be annulled, she be given back her maiden name, that Rich pay the costs and disbursements of the suit and that she have such other relief as may be equitable. Complaint in the action was served on Rich in the county jail, where he is still confined, the required \$1,000 for bond money not having been forthcoming.

M'GRAW ANGERED BY FOGEL'S CHARGE

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Manager John J. McGraw of the New York Nationals is today incensed at the statement made by Horace Fogel, owner of the Philadelphia Nationals that umpires stole games for the New York Giants. McGraw said: "Fogel and Murphy ought to be made to prove their wild assertions that umpires gave the New York Giants the pennant. They should be forced to prove them or be driven out of baseball. It is strange they're the only club owners casting reflections upon the honesty of the game."

IRRIGATION CONGRESS OPENS AT SALT LAKE CITY

SALT LAKE CITY Utah, Sept. 30.—With the Mormon tabernacle choir singing the "Irrigation Ode," the twentieth irrigation congress opened in the Mormon tabernacle here today. Irrigation experts are here from every state and most of the foreign countries. The sessions will last four days during which discussions of technicalities of irrigation will be taken up by the delegates. Many prominent men are scheduled to speak.

UNCLESAMMAY TAKE HANDSOON MEXICAN WAR

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Conditions in Mexico Are Said to Be Far Worse Now Than They Have Ever Been Before.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 30.—The government is not sufficiently strong to crush the rebellion and the rebels are not strong enough to overthrow the Madero administration, so that the only outlook is an endless continuation of revolution, anarchy and ruin from one end of Mexico to the other. This will continue until Uncle Sam is forced to intervene and end the trouble.

Intelligent and unbiased opinion thus summed up the Mexican situation here today following reports circulated in Washington that President Taft may call an extra session of congress to authorize the sending of American troops across the border.

Conditions Very Bad

As a matter of cold fact, conditions are said to be far worse in Mexico today than they have ever been and are getting worse all the time. Peace loving citizens here today privately admit they would welcome American invasion. Mexico has no money to prosecute a foreign war and she could not mobilize an army sufficiently large to adequately oppose the large and well equipped forces the United States could throw into this country on short order. The republic could be taken in quick time and without a great loss. Even Mexican patriots concede this. But the pacification of Mexico and the restoration of peace and prosperity it is said, would be a far harder task.

Uncle Sam to Act

In diplomatic circles just removed from the inner ring it is firmly believed that Madero has been given to understand by the United States that the rebels must be crushed and decent conditions brought about within a specified time.

Ambassador Wilson is said to have delivered a message to that effect from President Taft to President Madero. Madero admits he is at his wits end. He grows more unpopular every day and knows it. He knows there is likely to be an uprising here in the capital at any time.

Uncle Sam May Act

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 30.—While diplomats are avoiding any expression

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BRYAN DECLARES TEDDY AND TAFT ARE OF SAME OPINION

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 30.—Speaking through the editorial columns of The Commoner, William Jennings Bryan today professes to see no essential difference between President William H. Taft and Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. Both stand, he says, for most of the republican party's policies and the cause for contention in that each wants to be president.

"On essentials," says the editorial, "Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt are not far apart. They agree on the tariff. If either one will write out his views on the subject the other will have no difficulty in endorsing them. They both take the side of the trusts against the people and the trust magnates are divided between them. They agree in applauding the decision of the supreme court in emancipating the criminal anti-trust law. They both favor imperialism and they both prefer national to state remedies. The chief point of difference on national issues seems to be that they both want the same office. It would not be difficult for men who think as Mr. Taft and Roosevelt do to get together but for their hatred of each other."