

EDITOR GREER OF TIDINGS IS HELD FOR LIBEL

In Endeavor to Get Dismissal of Case Greer Offered to Publish Full and Complete Retraction But Complainant Refused to Concur.

Editor's Bond Placed at \$100 to Appear Before Grand Jury—A. E. Reames Appears for the State.

Bert Greer, editor and publisher of the Ashland Tidings, was held to the grand jury for criminal libel on a complaint filed by Col. Frank L. Tou Velle, candidate for county judge by Justice of the Peace Taylor at Medford Friday, as a result of the preliminary hearing held in the latter's court. E. D. Briggs appeared as attorney for Greer and A. E. Reames represented the state. The bond was fixed at \$100.

A dismissal of the case was sought by the defense, Editor Greer agreeing to print a full retraction of the charges.

When the complainant refused to concur in the suggestion, the defendant offered to waive examination, provided no evidence was introduced by the prosecution. Attorney Reames asserted that the state had to submit evidence in order to comply with the law's technicalities. Then the defense filed an affidavit alleging prejudice on the part of the justice, seeking a change of venue. Six counter-affidavits were filed. Attorney Reames arguing that a change of venue could not be taken in a preliminary hearing, only in trial of the case.

Medford "Gang" On Stand

Justice Taylor overruled the motion for a change in venue, and the prosecution introduced the Oct. 14 issue of the Ashland Tidings as evidence. George Putnam, Dr. J. M. Keene, Mayor Canon, W. W. Harmon, Dr. C. R. Ray, and Porter J. Neff, as witnesses all swore that they were not members of any "gang" organized to loot the county treasury, that they none of them had received a cent of county money as loot, that none of them had ever entered into any agreement with F. L. Tou Velle or had any kind of an understanding with him as to his candidacy.

On cross-examination, but two of them testified that they had appeared before the county court in the Medford bridge matter, most of them had appeared in the Crater Lake highway appropriation, which was never made, none of them on the Derby road case.

Held to Grand Jury

W. W. Harmon testified that as county road master, warrants had been made to him in county road building, but that he had acted under orders of the county court and had never profited a penny by the transactions but had lost money.

F. L. Tou Velle testified that he had never been party to any county treasury looting, or knew of any by the men accused, that he had never made any agreement with any of the

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TEDDY, WELL ON HIS WAY TO RECOVERY, PUTS IN BUSY DAY

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Oct. 25.—Colonel Roosevelt is rapidly recovering from the wound inflicted by John Schrank's bullet, and today put in a busy day at Sagamore Hill. The colonel awoke early, dressed himself in a khaki suit and ate a hearty breakfast. Then he dictated some letters and started to prepare two speeches, one to be delivered in Madison Square Garden, New York city, next week and the other at Oyster Bay on the eve of election.

Dr. Scurry L. Terrell, Roosevelt's personal physician, said today that the former president's condition is excellent and that he would soon be able to return to active campaign work.

GAS PLANT STILL FAILS TO SUPPLY MEDFORD WITH GAS

The plant of the Oregon Gas and Electric company is still out of commission and inconvenience to patrons continues. The Mail Tribune today was forced to install gasoline burners in its limotype machines to take the place of the gas burners and it was after 12 o'clock before a line of type was set for today's edition, which accounts for the small amount of reading matter in the paper. With the gasoline burners in the gas plant can no longer effect the publishing of the paper.

Restaurants and hotels continue to suffer from the failure of the fuel. The gas company officials state that the plant will be in operation again this evening.

FRANK SEAMORE, ALIAS PARKER, HELD ON MURDER CHARGE

Frank Seamore, alias Parker, was held to await action by the grand jury by Justice Dox at Jacksonville Friday after a lengthy hearing which opened Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Seamore waived examination, the only move made at this time by his attorney, W. P. Mealey, being a lengthy cross examination of Mike Spanos, star witness for the state, who recently confessed to participation in the murder of George Dedaskalos, claiming that Seamore, or Parker, did the actual killing.

Spanos could not be shaken by Attorney Mealey in cross examination. He did not waver from his story as told in his confession to District Attorney Mulkey and Sheriff Jones.

Acting Chief Cingede testified regarding the finding of the bloodstained, tape wrapped gas pipe in the rear of the Seattle rooming house where Seamore stayed the night of the murder. Dr. E. H. Porter testified as to blood stains on Seamore's coat.

Seamore was visibly nervous throughout the hearing and seemed to restrain himself with difficulty.

HILL GIVES \$50,000 TO M'MINNVILLE

MCMINNVILLE, Ore., Oct. 25.—The donation of \$50,000 toward the endowment fund of McMinnville College by James J. Hill, the railroad king, is the principal topic of discussion here today. The \$50,000 will be given on condition that the college raises \$250,000 for development work and President L. W. Riley of the college declares this will be obtained.

Mr. Hill has given similar sums to Willamette College, Albany College and the Pacific University at Forest Grove.

DIRECTORS OF PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE TO MEET TONIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 25.—The directors of the Pacific Coast League will meet here tonight. The principal matters to be discussed are the Class A rating demanded by the North Western League and the salary limit. Although the Coast League has put itself on record as being opposed to a salary limit, a committee will be appointed to confer with other Class AA committees at the annual meeting of minor baseball leagues in Milwaukee.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Oct. 25.—Bloodshed marked an attempt by mine officials at Bingham this morning to supplant striking miners with strikebreakers.

L. J. Tidwell, a special deputy sheriff, was shot through both arms several times and may die. Two un-

BECKER FOUND GUILTY; BLAMES JUSTICE GOFF

Claims Charge to Jury Was Manifestly Unfair—Prisoner Retains His Iron Nerve—Mrs. Becker Suffers Greatly.

Appeal Will Be Made at Once—Jurors Refuse to Discuss Deliberations—Becker Insists on Innocence

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Placing all blame for his conviction on Justice John W. Goff's instructions to the jury and the refusal of his chief counsel, John F. McIntyre to allow him to take the stand in his own behalf, Police Lieutenant Charles E. Becker, found guilty here late last night of the murder of Gambler Herman Rosenthal, insisted today that he is innocent.

The jury in the Becker case brought in a verdict of guilty at a late hour last night after a comparatively short deliberation.

"Justice Goff's charge to the jury" said Becker, "was manifestly unfair to me. Had I been given a square deal I would now be a free man."

Retains His Nerve
The prisoner still retains his iron nerve. His chief concern seemed to be for Mrs. Becker, who swooned when the verdict was broken to her.

"Oh, it can't be true!" she cried. Then she fainted. Attorney McIntyre announced this morning that he would file notice of appeal next Friday. He charged Justice Goff was so unfair that the jury was forced to convict. McIntyre insisted there were plenty of grounds on which to ask for a new trial and that the verdict will not stand.

District Attorney Charles S. Whitman and his assistants admitted today that they had expected a disagreement of the jury.

Jurymen Silent
None of the jurors would discuss today their deliberations. It was learned, however that all were agreed from the start that Becker was guilty.

The first ballot stood 8 for conviction of first degree murder, and four for second degree murder. The condemned man ate a hearty breakfast this morning and insisted that he felt fine. Later in the morning Becker held a long conference with his attorneys.

Not a member of the police department could be found today who would discuss Becker's conviction. Assistant District Attorney Moss admitted that District Attorney Whitman and himself had been threatened with death for prosecuting Becker. Most of the threats, he said, came from persons of the underworld. Moss said he had nothing to fear as whatever part he played in the conviction of Becker was in the regular course of duty and could not be held against him.

Famous Painting Found
SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25.—Although listed as "missing" in all the art catalogs of museums and connoisseurs throughout the world, one of the early masterpieces of Rosa Bonheur, the great French artist, is today discovered in the possession of H. L. Cahill, a painter and decorator here. Cahill bought the picture among a joblot of other paintings for \$60 at a public administrator's sale of the effects of an eccentric druggist named Sanders.

Two Killed by Cave-in
REDDING, Cal., Oct. 25.—Hugh Boyle and Thomas Donovan, who left here last Wednesday for Trinity Center, Trinity county, to work their mine, the "Bonanza King," were killed by a cave-in of the shaft, according to word received here today.

Marshall at Tacoma
TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 25.—Governor Thomas R. Marshall of Indiana, democratic candidate for vice president, arrived in Tacoma at noon today and immediately began an address to a large crowd at the Tacoma Theater, where elaborate preparations had been made for him. Charles Richardson presided. Following his address here Governor Marshall will go to Seattle at 2:35 o'clock.

BLOODSHED MARKS MINE STRIKE

identified Greeks were wounded and may die. Another man was shot through the left arm and this member will have to be amputated. The deputies allege strikers fired on them from ambush when they escorted Greek workmen to the United States mine.



"WHEN THE FROST IS ON THE PUMPKIN"

SEEKING FURTHER WITNESSES IN CASE AGAINST JOHNSON

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—Further witnesses in the case against Jack Johnson, negro pugilist, accused of abducting Lucille Cameron, a young white girl, are being sought by the government prosecutors here today. Miss Cameron is detained in Rockford, Ill.

Mrs. A. D. Banks, a negro singer in Johnson's cafe, who is said to have shot the black fighter and whose husband is suing the pugilist for \$25,000 for alienation of his wife's affections, probably will be subpoenaed.

Mrs. Sarah Hel, president of the local Women's club, wrote Mrs. Pennypacker, head of the national Federation of Women's clubs, urging that united action be taken by the women of the United States against Jack Johnson.

WITH TEDDY WELL, WILSON WILL TAKE STUMP ONCE MORE

PRINCETON, N. J., Oct. 25.—Governor Woodrow Wilson, democratic nominee for president, will resume the stump on Monday, according to announcement here today. He is scheduled to speak at two rallies in Philadelphia and then after a week's rest will speak throughout New Jersey in favor of the state legislative ticket. On October 31, Governor Wilson will address a meeting in Madison Square Garden, New York City.

"The Philadelphia meetings were arranged months ago," said Governor Wilson. "Colonel Roosevelt's strength is returning rapidly so he will probably resume his campaign next week. But if my opponent's health fails again I will cancel even these Philadelphia dates."

INSANE MAN SLASHES WIFE AND KILLS HIMSELF

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 27.—Apparently insane through brooding over a fancied wrong done him by his wife, Martin Bocarde, aged 57, entered the bedroom of Mrs. Jessie Bocarde, his wife, here early today, cut a wide gash in her throat and then slit his own neck from ear to ear. Bocarde is not expected to live.

SALEM, Mass., Oct. 25.—That Joseph Ettor, Arturo Giovannitti and Antonio Caruso, accused of murder growing out of the Lawrence textile strike during which Anna Lopizzo was killed, will testify in their own defense, was the assertion here today of a lawyer for the defense. Captain Thomas Cody when cross

HEIR TO RUSSIAN THRONE STABBED BY NIHILIST IS REPORT

BERLIN, Oct. 25.—That Grand Duke Alexis, heir to the Russian throne, who is lying ill at Spala, Russian Poland, was stabbed by a Nihilist and is in grave danger, is the report in circulation here today.

The duke, who is but eight years of age, it is asserted, was stabbed by a Nihilist who lay in wait for him. The reports given out stated that the child fell from his pony. It is also claimed that the Czarina attempted to hurl herself from an upper window of the lodge.

GENERAL FIRMNESS IS FOUND ON EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—General firmness in prices was evident at the opening of the stock market here today with Canadian Pacific the strongest issue. Reading and Amalgamated Copper also showed considerable strength. Some pressure was shown on steel in a few heavy dealings.

Some indecision was noticeable during early dealings today, prices fluctuating fractionally. Money conditions were responsible for further weakness, local banks losing more than \$11,000,000 to the interior, principally on account of the sub-treasury.

U'REN AND SHIELDS DEBATE UPON SINGLE TAX PLAN

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 25.—W. S. U'Ren, state single tax manager and Charles Shields, secretary of the Oregon Equal Taxation League, are today resting from their strenuous public debate on single tax.

Shields opened the debate by attacking the alleged fallacies of the single tax idea, and U'Ren protested that the single tax measure means "No man will get a dollar without working for it and no man will produce a dollar without getting the benefit of it. The single tax is drawn up with the idea of reducing the burden of men who work for what they get."

ELIHU ROOT CHOSEN TO LECTURE AT PRINCETON

PRINCETON, N. J., Oct. 25.—The trustees of Princeton university today announced the election of United States Senator Elihu Root of New York as Stafford Little lecturer on public affairs, succeeding Jos. H. Choate, who held the chair last winter.

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M'CORMICK GETS HIS \$12,000 GIFT TO WILSON BACK

OXFORD, Mich., Oct. 25.—Public announcement that Governor Woodrow Wilson had ordered the return of \$12,000 contributed to Wilson's pre-convention campaign by Cyrus McCormick, an official of the Harvesters trust, was made here today by William Jennings Bryan. The money was returned by Cleveland Dodge, an associate of Governor Wilson at Princeton, who collected subscriptions for Wilson's campaign.

In returning the money, Bryan said, Dodge wrote McCormick that he did not propose for anyone to be able to say that Wilson, if elected, would be under the slightest obligation to anyone connected with any enterprise, involved in government litigation.

BOURNE TO AID OREGON CAVES

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Oct. 25.—The situation regarding the Oregon caves, located in Josephine county, was explained to Senator Bourne while in this city, and he pledged himself to give immediate attention to having certain details arranged whereby the great natural wonder could be made more available and accessible to the public. To this end it is desired that concession be granted by the government for the construction of hotels and roads, capital being ready to develop the caves as soon as this is done. The caves have been set aside as a national monument, and authority is required from the government before buildings can be erected within the boundaries.

WILL ARRAIGN BLACK FRIDAY FOR EMBEZZLEMENT OF LOAN

SAN JOSE, Cal., Oct. 25.—Indicted by the grand jury on a charge of embezzling a loan of \$3650 obtained from the Bank of Mayfield as secretary of the Palto Alto Building and Loan Association, State Senator Marshall Black will not be arraigned until next Friday, according to the announcement of Judge J. E. Richards.

LABOR LEADERS TO TAKE STAND

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W. C. T. U. CONVENTION TO MEET AT WASHINGTON D. C.

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BULGARIANS AT GATES OF GREAT TURKISH CITY

Turks Have Made But Feeble Attempt to Check Advance—Montenegrin Troops Surround Scutari and Start to Bombard City.

Turkish Troops Resort to Outrages, Butchering Seventy Women and Children—Greek Educator Tortured

PARIS, Oct. 25.—Dispatches here from Sofia today declare the Bulgarians at Kirk Killiseh captured General Mahmud Muktar Pasha, the Turkish commander, Prince Abdul Halim, several Pashas, 40,000 soldiers and 115 canon.

Close to City
SOFIA, Oct. 25.—The main column of the Bulgarian army is but three miles from the principal forts of Adrianople, and news that the Bulgars have started to storm the city is expected here momentarily. Official despatches received here from the front early today said the Bulgarian forces were closing in on the city, entrenched as they advanced.

The Turks, it was said, were making but slight efforts to repulse the advance.

Scutari Surrounded
CETTINJE, Oct. 25.—Montenegrin troops surrounded Scutari this morning and immediately started to bombard the city, according to a despatch received here from the front. There is general rejoicing here over the report.

Scutari is the most important Turkish stronghold in Northern Albania and is strongly defended.

Important Position Taken
PODGORITZA, Oct. 25.—Montenegrin troops last night captured a position dominating Tarabosch, the main fortress defending Scutari, according to a despatch received here today from General Martinoitch.

Many Bulgarians Slain
CETTINJE, Oct. 25.—Between 3,000 and 4,000 Bulgarians were slain in accomplishing the fall of Kirk Killiseh and a similar number wounded, according to official despatches received here. The Turkish losses, it was said, were much heavier.

Women Butchered
ATHENS, Oct. 25.—Turkish troops at Serfidge butchered seventy women and children and horribly mutilated scores of men, according to a message just received here from the front. The eyes of a Greek schoolmaster, it was said, were gouged out with a poker.

FELIX DIAZ OWES HIS LIFE TO DIRECT ORDER OF MADERO

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 25.—General Felix Diaz, nephew of Porfirio Diaz, deposed president of Mexico, who attempted to overthrow the Madero administration, will not be executed. His life was saved by direct order from Madero, who decreed that the rebel leader should not be shot but imprisoned. The length of the term Diaz will serve has not been announced.

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