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WHITELAW REID, AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN, DEAD

England Will Offer British Warship to Convey Body to New York—London Services Will Be Held in Westminster Abbey—King Grieves

President Taft Announces That He Will Not Appoint a Successor to Reid.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—On a proposal by Premier Asquith the house of commons decided today to offer a British warship to convey the body of the late United States Ambassador Whitelaw Reid to New York. Asquith paid an eloquent tribute to the dead American, and the commons at once sanctioned his plan.

Ogden Reid today is arranging the details of his father's funeral by wireless. It is announced that the London services will be held in Westminster Abbey but no date for them has yet been set.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—President Taft announced today that he would not appoint a successor to the late Whitelaw Reid, ambassador to Great Britain.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Plans for the funeral of Whitelaw Reid, of New York, United States ambassador to Great Britain, since 1900, who died here yesterday at noon will not be announced until the arrival of his son Ogden, who today is en route to this city. King George today offered the royal chapel at St. James palace for the services, but this offer probably will be declined, as the chapel would accommodate only a few persons.

The body probably will be buried in Sleepy Hollow cemetery, near New York City, a British warship transferring the body to the United States.

Prominent British statesmen and officials today are deluging the family with messages of sympathy and condolence. All London newspapers today referred to the late ambassador in glowing terms.

Immediately upon being informed of Ambassador Reid's death, King George despatched an equerry to Dorchester House to express his condolence and today sent the following cablegram to President Taft:

"It is yith the deepest sorrow that I have to inform you of the death of Mr. Whitelaw Reid. As your ambassador to this country, his loss will be sincerely deplored, while personally I shall mourn for an old friend of many years standing, for whom I had the greatest respect. The queen and I sympathize most deeply with Mrs. Reid in her heavy sorrow."

WORK ON BRIDGE NOW BEYOND HIGH WATER DAMAGE

So far has work progressed on the new concrete bridge over Bear creek that Contractor Perham is satisfied no possible harm can come to the structure from high water.

Three of the center spans are completed except putting on the railings and men are now at work putting in forms for the three spans at the west end, and these are expected to be completed this week. Work will then be taken up on the two spans at the east approach and another week will complete them. There is a dirt fill of about 1000 yards to be made at the west approach which with the completion of the railings will finish Mr. Perham's contract. The city will then cover the street surface of the entire bridge with hard surface pavement.

The false work and forms will probably not be removed for two or three months, it having been deemed best by Engineer Arnspiger to permit these supports and protection to remain as they now are until spring.

It is expected the bridge will be completed and ready for use by the middle of January.

WRECKAGE OF AEROPLANE IS FOUND AT SEA

No Longer Doubt as to Fate of Aviator Kearny and His Passenger Remains—Left Los Angeles for San Francisco Late Saturday.

One Pontoon Picked Up and Portions of Second One Found as Well as Other Wreckage of Craft.

REDONDO BEACH, Cal., Dec. 16.—Portions of the second pontoon of Aviator Kearny's hydro-aeroplane and other wreckage of the craft are reported to have been found by fishermen off this port today.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—With ships at sea instructed by wireless to search for Aviator Horace Kearny and Chester Lawrence, his passenger, missing at sea since late Saturday, land parties are scouring the coast between Santa Monica and Ventura today, while launches are patrolling the offshore for a trace of the lost birdmen.

Kearny and Lawrence left Newport Beach late Saturday for San Francisco flying in Kearny's hydro-aeroplane "Snookums," named for Miss Louise McPherson of Madisonville, Ky., Kearny's fiancee. Their craft was last seen from Point Firmin, near San Pedro, heading across Crescent Bay toward Point Duma.

Pontoon Is Found

Late yesterday one of the hollow steel pontoons with which the hydro-aeroplane was equipped was picked up off Redondo Beach by a tug. It had apparently been forcibly wrenched from its fastenings. A heavy wind and sea had prevailed throughout the day, and last night the wind increased almost to a gale.

Three automobile parties, including one sent out by Sheriff Hammel's office here, are working northward along the rocky Malibu coast today, searching for the aviators or their bodies. From Hueneme, the port of Oxnard, a horseback party, is working southward to meet the motorists. Launches from various ports have joined the search.

Aviator Five Years

Kearny is 26 years of age. He has been an active aviator for five years. He came to Los Angeles to participate in the recent aviation meet at Ascot park.

Lawrence, his companion, is about 26 years of age. He is a writer on a Los Angeles newspaper and came here five years ago following his graduation from Harvard university.

Mrs. Chester Lawrence came to Los Angeles today from Ontario, Cal. She anxiously listened to reports of what has been done to learn the fate of her husband and Kearny.

"I won't believe they are lost," she cried tearfully. "Up to this morning I paid little attention to the stories, but of course I am worried crazy now. Maybe they've reached land somewhere, and are trying to get to a telephone. I won't give up hope."

ORTIS HAMILTON AGAIN FREE MAN

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 16.—Ortis Hamilton, former adjutant general of Washington National Guard, who was convicted of embezzling state funds, and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary, was paroled today after serving two years and ten months.

A special meeting of the board of parole had his case under consideration this morning. The session was brief and Hamilton's parole was ordered to go into effect immediately.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 16.—With the defense expected to close its presentation of direct evidence next Thursday, the end of the dynamite conspiracy trial here is in sight today. It was said the examination of witnesses in rebuttal would be brief. The arguments of attorneys, however are expected to occupy two weeks.

$400,000,000 BANK FUND CONTROLLED BY FIVE MEN
TESTIMONY IN MONEY INQUIRY AT WASHINGTON

H. P. DAVISON

WALTER F. FREW

MR. DANIEL G. REID

Control exercised by the New York Clearing House Committee over the banking institutions of New York, both in and out of the Clearing House Association, and the influence of Wall street's demand for money for speculative purposes on the money markets of the country are the principal subjects under discussion before the Pujo money investigating committee at Washington.

Walter F. Frew, president of the Corn Exchange Bank of New York and chairman of the New York Clearing House Committee, when put on the stand proved a reluctant witness and had several clashes with Samuel Untermyer, attorney for the Pujo committee. Mr. Frew in his testimony said that the management of the Bankers' Trust Company of New York was composed of H. P. Davison, George B. Case and Daniel G. Reid.

Mr. Davison is associated with J. P. Morgan & Co. and Mr. Reid is a director in the Steel Corporation.

In all $400,000,000 bank funds were controlled by five men, his testimony showed.

RATE BILL UNDER FIRE IN FEDERAL COURT PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16.—Charging that the so-called "Medford rate bill," enacted into law by the voters of Oregon at the general election of November 5, is not only unconstitutional, but discriminatory as well and a fraud upon its face, and upon the people, railroad attorneys in the United States district court today argued strenuously in their efforts to show cause why the court should issue a temporary injunction against the enforcement of the law.

Attorney General Crawford held that the rates fixed by the iner-state commerce commission are in nowise interferred with or altered, and further that inter-state commerce is not affected by he bill.

That the petition which resulted in having the rate bill put on the ballot was circulated by jobbers of Baker and Medford to a selfish end, was charged by O. C. Spencer, attorney for the O. W. R. & N. C.

W. M. Hart, representing the Hill railroad interests attacked the new law merely on the point of its constitutionality. He said that rate men for the railroad companies have been trying to fix up schedules in keeping with the provisions of the new law but that they have had little success because of its ambiguity.

ARMED POSSE AFTER TWO WHITE BRUTES

SANTA ANA, Cal., Dec. 16.—Rushed by 200 deputy sheriffs and anger-crazed citizens, the thug who assaulted fourteen year old Myrtle Huff, was instantly killed late today.

The object of a hundred bullets, the fellow dropped, riddled with shots as the posse swooped down upon him. He had wounded four deputies.

SANTA ANA, Cal., Dec. 16.—After a running fight with officers two men who are reported to have assaulted a fourteen year old girl on a ranch six miles east of here are surrounded today in the hills. Deputy Sheriff Stacey is reported to have been shot in the battle. The fugitives are heavily armed.

DR. ALSBERG TO PROTECT FOOD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—President Taft today named Dr. Carl Alsberg, chief of the bureau of chemistry in the department of agriculture, to be chief administrator of the pure food laws.

It is believed Alsberg has supported all the pure food policies of Dr. Harvey Wiley, former chief chemist for the government.

JOHN D. IS ASKED FOR "A MILLION OR TWO" BY WOMEN

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—"Oh you John D. Rockefeller! Give us a million or two to help our cause and win the everlasting gratitude of millions of determined suffragettes."

This was the way 20 young suffragettes who left Broadway at 9:30 a. m. today on a tramp to Albany in the interest of woman suffrage greeted the world's richest citizen when Rockefeller's automobile stopped at a corner along the line of march. The suffragettes recognized the oil king and rushed over to his machine.

Rockefeller looked straight ahead.

"Howdy do, John D.; Howdy do!" They shouted. "Can you spare a million or two to help the cause?"

Rockefeller whispered to the chauffeur and the machine shot ahead.

"So long, John," the marchers called after him. "We will stop over at your country place at Tarrytown and pay you a brief visit."

The marching suffragettes carried alpine staffs and haversacks bearing the legend: "Votes for women." They were led by Miss Rosalie Jones. The marchers plan to cover ten miles a day, reaching Albany December 30 in time to attend the inauguration of Governor-elect William Sulzer, to whom they will present a monster petition.

Only twelve of the suffragettes will complete the journey to Albany, the other young women acting as escorts only as far as Yonkers.

ENGINE DERAILED NEAR SISKIYOU

The derailment and overturning of a freight engine on a switch at White Point, near Siskiyou Saturday afternoon delayed passenger train No. 14 Saturday night several hours. The engine in leaving the track struck a dining car on No. 14, but no one was injured. The Shasta Limited was also held up several hours because of the accident.

There was no No. 16 Saturday night, north of the wreck, the passengers and baggage of that train having been transferred to No. 14.

PARTIAL VICTORY BY GOVERNMENT IN RAILROAD CASE

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The supreme court decision in the anthracite coal case was regarded in Wall Street as a victory for the railroads. Reading jumped five points when the decision was announced.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The United States supreme court today declared the government's charge that the general combination of Pennsylvania railroads, alleged to form an anthracite coal trust, had not been established, but the court's decision partially smashed the trust by holding the socalled sixty three per cent contracts are void as "abnormal and illegal restraints upon inter-state commerce."

Five separate suits were charged by the government in the suit, instituted in 1907. The Philadelphia and Reading, Lehigh Valley, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, Erie, Central Railroad of New Jersey and the New York Susquehenna and Western railroads, with their nine subsidiary coal companies, including the Temple concern, were attack, with forty-three of the largeet individual operators.

In December 1903, the government lost all its contentions in the lower courts except the dissolution of the Temple company, the stock of which was owned by the railroads, to back "independents" outside of the combination.

LEMASTERS ENTERS PLEA OF GUILTY

T. A. LeMaster, charged with polygamy appeared in the circuit court Saturday afternoon and withdrew his plea of not guilty and entered one of guilty. He asked the court to assess the minimum fine which is $300. The state did not oppose the motion.

LeMaster has affidavits to show that he believed himself properly divorced before he was remarried in this city. The suit was filed seven years ago but the decree was never entered. Recently it was granted.

On this showing he made his plea to the court. It was taken under advisement.

New Year's Issue

In accordance with its annual custom the Mail Tribune will on New Year's day issue a special edition descriptive of the growth and progress of Medford and the Rogue river valley during the past year.

The issue will be profusely illustrated and be replete with cuts and maps descriptive of the valley's development.

This is the only chance to send your friends the story of the valley brought up-to-date, to let the world know what we are doing in the march of progress.

Send in orders early for extra copies. Price 5 cents.

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ELECTRIC LINE FRANCHISE IN CITY IS SOUGHT

W. I. Vawter, Representing Spencer S. Bullis of New York to Ask Council for Electric Road Franchise in This City.

Work Will Start in 60 Days on Construction If Plans Do Not Fail—To Embrace Entire Valley.

Representing Spencer S. Bullis of New York, a railroad builder of 30 years experience, W. I. Vawter will in all probability apply to the city council Tuesday evening for a franchise for an electric street railroad in the city. If accepted and present plans are carried out work on the construction of the line will start within 60 days and be completed within the city in one year. Mr. Vawter states that his principal commands the money with which to construct, equip and operate such a line.

Plans include an extension of the line to Jacksonville on the west and as far as Hillcrest on the east, north to Central Point and south toward Ashland. If franchises can be secured the line will eventually link all of the towns in the valley.

"In all probability," states Mr. Vawter, "I will apply for the franchise Tuesday but this may be delayed for a short time. Mr. Bullis is amply able to construct such a line and will do so if granted a franchise.

"We will not ask for anything unreasonable and if we secure the right we will agree to start construction in 60 days and complete the work in Medford in one year."

25 ARE KILLED, 50 ARE INJURED IN ITALIAN WRECK

ROME, Dec. 16.—Twenty-five persons are dead today and fifty others injured, some fatally, as the result of a head-on collision Sunday between an express train and a freight. Ten passengers were killed outright, fifteen others dying today.

ORDER OF COURT SAVES BONDSMEN

On the plea of Mrs. Montgomery and certain showings made by B. D. Worthington, who with Dr. J. F. Reddy, was a bondsman, Judge F. M. Calkins in the circuit court has dismissed the wife desertion charge against E. C. Montgomery. It is reported that Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery are reconciled.

Last week Judge Calkins called for Montgomery's appearance in court and when he did not appear ordered the bond, $500, forfeited. It seems that Montgomery who is in Idaho had been erroneously informed that he need not return. Mrs. Montgomery also stated to the court that he would return soon and make his home with her. On this showing the first order was revoked and the case dismissed.

NEW SIDETRACK IS BEING BUILT BY ESPEE

The Southern Pacific company has men at work unloading several carloads of rails at the Pacific & Eastern junction, one mile north of Medford. A passing track, 3500 feet in length, has been graded at that point and will be put to use just as soon as the rails can be laid.

The constantly increasing local switching work in the yards here and the great number of "spotted" cars on the siding has made it almost impossible to keep a passing track clear and it is to relieve this congested condition that the new track is being put in.

SEYMOUR CASE NOW UNDER WAY IN CIRCUIT COURT

Spanos' Companion in Crime is Placed on Trial for His Life—Work of Securing Jury is Slow—Special Venire is Summoned to Appear.

Taking of Testimony Will Start Tuesday—Fight Will Be Made on Admission of Confession.

The case of the state vs. Seymour for the murder of George Dedaskalous in this city September 22, was called in the circuit court Monday morning and the work of securing a jury was at once undertaken

Seymour is charged with the same crime Mike Spanos was found guilty of in the first degree Saturday afternoon. The two were indicted together but demanded separate trials.

The securing of a jury is proving slow work and a special venire was soon found necessary R. B. McCabe is appearing for the defense and is making a hard fight for the life of his client.

In all probability the taking of evidence will start on Tuesday. The admission of Seymour's confession will be a hard fought question but as Seymour openly derided Spanos' claims that he was starved into making a confession, he will be forced to base his denial of the confession on other grounds.

The state claims to have a stronger case against Seymour than it had against Spanos. In addition Spanos may be called by the prosecution as he has been convicted. Whether, he will testify or not is still a question of doubt.

Seymour received the word of Spanos' conviction in the first degree with far more feeling than did Spanos himself.

It is known that Seymour has considered basing his defense upon the theory that he first struck Dedaskalous only hard enough to knock him senseless, not meaning to kill him, and that Spanos, in a murderous frenzy, finished him. As the law provides that a murder, during the attempt to commit a felony, is first degree, his attorney may not allow him to use that plea.

SERVIA IS FACING FAMINE AS RESULT OF BALKAN WAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Servia, the gallantry of whose warriors has contributed in a large degree to the downfall of the Turks, faces defeat and annihilation from starvation and lack of able-bodied men, as well as from Austria, according to a letter form Maddin Summers, American consul at Belgrade to the American Red Cross society today. With every able-bodied man between the ages of 16 and 66 on the battlefield—fifty per cent of whom are heads of an average family of seven, and with 40,000 sick and wounded to care for, the country today is without sufficient food supplies or means to secure them.

Summers, in an appeal to the Red Cross, recites an eloquent account of the bravery and self-ascrifice of this little nation, and declares that unless peace is declared immediately and the soldiers allowed to return to their homes there will be no crops in Servia next year. And Servia has only her agriculture for sustenance.

Thousands of the Servians, the flower of the country, have met death on the battlefield already, and 20,000 more have returned to their homes penniless and so badly injured that they will be unable to support themselves for the balance of their lives. But with a winter—a cold and merciless one—staring them in the face, Summers says Servia's war-like spirit is not diminished by her misfortune. Still defiant, mothers are hastening their younger sons into the field of battle and taking upon themselves the hard burden of caring for the wounded.