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TRIAL RESULT OF CONSPIRACY ASSERTS KERN

McManigal's Story Pronounced Piece of Fiction Inspired by Revenge in Closing Argument for Defense—Prosecution Grilled.

Praise for Unionists on Trial and Condemnations for Informers and Betrayers.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 24.—Olaf A. Treitmo, secretary of the Asiatic Exclusion league, and Eugene A. Clancy, both of San Francisco, were eloquently extolled at the so-called dynamite conspiracy trial here today by United States Senator John W. Kern of Indiana of counsel for the defense.

"These charges," Kern said, "against Treitmo and Clancy are ridiculous. They say here that these two men are guilty of complicity in the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building, but they did not indict them on that charge in the jurisdiction of California. They try to bring against them here what they have not tried them for in their own jurisdiction. There has been a volume of evidence presented at this trial that was beside the issue. These men are charged with illegally conspiring to transfer explosives from one state to another. Yet, a man hearing the evidence, and not knowing the charge would say these men were being tried for dynamiting buildings and destroying the Los Angeles Times."

McManigal Arraigned

Ortie McManigal, the self-confessed dynamiter, was scathingly arraigned by Kern.

"The government's case is too circumstantial and asks the mind to infer too much. The uncorroborated portions of McManigal's remarkable piece of fiction damns the whole tale. It is founded on spite and revenge, and the motive of the confessed arch fiend was explained when he said: 'When I am caught, we are all caught.'"

"By careful coaching this man has been led to defile the names of innocent men."

Kern then referred to the correspondence taken in the raid on the ironworkers' headquarters here, giving legitimate interpretations to those sections which the government alleged showed knowledge of dynamiting. He argued that John McNamara alone was responsible for the dynamitings.

Lawyer Is Denounced

Kern's denunciation of Oscar Lawlor, government attorney of Los Angeles, and of Assistant District Attorney W. J. Ford, also of Los Angeles, was particularly bitter.

"I am not going to discuss the evidence presented against Clancy," he said, "by those two miserable California lawyers, Lawlor and Ford. I will only say their action in cross-examining Clancy when he was ill and under the care of a nurse rivaled the worst third degree methods ever practiced by police anywhere."

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FIND TWENTY MRS. GUNESS'

LA PORTE, Ind., Dec. 24.—At least twenty "Mrs. Belle Guness" have been seen in different parts of the country and reported to the authorities since the confession made by Ray Lampart before his death in prison and now denied by Convict Meyers. This confession was supposed to have said that Mrs. Guness escaped from the house on her "murder" farm burned down.

Police here are paying no attention to the "confession" revealed by Meyers. They think Meyers' story is a frame-up to get out of prison, where he is serving a sentence for horse-stealing.

As for Mrs. Guness, they are satisfied with the verdict of the jury which found that Mrs. Guness had died in the fire.

WAKE UP EARLY ON CHRISTMAS MORNING AND LET THE BABIES ROMP UPON THE FLOOR



MELLEN PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO INDICTMENTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—President Mellen of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad and President Chamberlin of the Grand Trunk appeared in the United States court here today prepared to answer the indictments returned yesterday which allege "criminal conspiracy in restraint of trade."

"Chamberlin and Mellen," said Frank Crawford, Chamberlin's attorney, "welcome an investigation and will absolutely disprove any criminal charge. We will show the real reason for discontinuing the Grand Trunk connection to Providence was the condition of the money market and that the financing of an extension was impossible because of the ruinous rate demanded for the money needed."

Both Mellen and Chamberlin pleaded not guilty. Judge Hough was inclined to release both of the accused men on their own recognizance, but when counsel for the government objected, he fixed the bonds at \$10,000 each, which were promptly furnished.

Mellen waited in court thirty minutes before he was called. The proceedings were entirely formal. The pleas were entered with the privilege of changing before January 9.

MANY XMAS GIFTS SENT TO WOODROW

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 24.—President-Elect Woodrow Wilson was not forgotten by Santa Claus and gifts of all kinds are reaching him here today. From Vicksburg, Miss., a young lady admirer sent the president-elect a handsome gold-mounted pipe.

"I tried smoking only once in my life," said Wilson, "and the results were so disastrous that I am afraid to try again."

Other gifts offered were a 43 pound turkey, accepted; three smaller turkeys, accepted; one cow, declined; a barrel of specially fattened oysters, accepted.

PURSER ACCUSED OF GOLD BULLION THEFT

SEATTLE, Dec. 24.—Clem Shepard, purser on the steamer Humboldt, was arrested here today on a charge of having participated in the big gold theft two years ago by which \$57,000 worth of gold bullion was exchanged for lead.

BLOODHOUNDS ON TRAIL OF BANDITS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 24.—The four masked bandits who held up a Chicago and Alton passenger train five miles south of here at midnight last night are reported surrounded near the Wabash tracks close to the scene of the robbery. Bloodhounds were rushed to the scene at daybreak and officials say the capture of the robbers is certain.

The train held up by the four men is known as the "hammer." After uncoupling the engine and express cars from the rest of the train the bandits forced the engineer to drive several miles down the track. There they exploded four charges of dynamite in an unsuccessful attempt to open the express safes. The robbers then filled sacks with packages and escaped into the dense woods.

The engineer ran back and sounded a warning. A posse of fifteen deputy sheriffs and railroad detectives left here for the scene aboard a switch engine.

MISSING DIAMOND CLUE TO MURDER

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—That a missing 2 1/2 carat diamond valued at \$600 may prove a solution to the mysterious murder of Joseph Logue, diamond merchant, who was found dead in his office here, is the belief of the police, who are today searching for the missing stone.

The diamond was left for sale by a blonde woman just before the crime was committed. While admitting that two blonde women had business dealings with her husband, Mrs. Logue steadfastly maintains that they had no connection with the killing.

The police learned that a Jewish woman, alleged to have been established in the hair dressing business by Logue, frequently visited the murdered man, and that she wore a stone, a gift from him.

All of the women arrested in the raid on the "bandit flat" have been released. Stratton, Hampden and Williams, arrested as suspects, are still in jail.

BOISE CONTEMPT DECISIONS JANUARY

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 24.—The supreme court announced today that the decision in the case of R. S. Sheridan, publisher and C. O. Broxon managing editor of the Evening Capitol News, charged with criticizing in the paper the decision of the court in eliminating Roosevelt electors, would be given January 2. This is the first day of the January term.

No evidence was submitted by either of the defendants and no arguments were made in their behalf. The only testimony given was in behalf of A. R. Cruzen, alleged stockholder in the News, who was indicted jointly with Sheridan and Broxon.

In arguing the case for the state, Attorney General McDougall stated that Sheridan and Broxon stood convicted and all that remained was for the court to render its decision. A. A. Frazier, attorney for Cruzen followed, and the case was then submitted.

COLORADO LAW TO SPARE THAT APPENDIX

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 24.—"Doctor spare that appendix!"

This is what the next legislature will say to the surgeons of Colorado if a bill now being considered by the new house of representatives is passed. The measure will make it a misdemeanor, perhaps a felony for a doctor to cut out a perfectly good appendix. The surgeon will be required to show that the appendix he has taken out was diseased. Many prominent doctors in this and other states have declared that at least fifty per cent of the appendixes taken out are all right.

HEAVY SNOW FALL THROUGHOUT EAST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Snow fell heavily here today, causing serious delays in train service north and south. Many homecoming travelers are delayed.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—A heavy snowfall prevailed here this afternoon, the weather bureau forecasting a blizzard for Christmas Day.

STOCKS HIGHER IN SPITE OF HOLIDAYS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Business was light at the opening of the stock market today, and price changes were small. Many speculators were absent on account of the holiday tomorrow, and those present took but little interest in trading. Lackawanna jumped five points. Chicago Great Western fell one. Reports of an agreement in the subway negotiations added strength to the local traction, the money market was strong. The close of the stock market was strong. Bonds were steady.

TAFT'S TURKEY GIFTS GIVEN TO EMPLOYEES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Taft's Christmas turkey gifts were distributed to employees of the white house today. Of the executive's family only his daughter Helen and son Robert are spending the holidays at the white house. Another son, Charles, is with the president's party now in the Panama Canal zone. A Christmas dance is to be given by Miss Helen Taft at the white house Friday night.

SUFFRAGETTES WADE THROUGH DEEP SNOW

LIVINGSTONE, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Garbed in the heaviest clothing and their feet encased in men's huge rubber boots, the five suffragettes, all that are left of the band who started to walk from New York to Albany, left Red Hook at noon bound for this city.

For the whole six miles of today's trip, the snow is drifted in huge piles, and on the level it is nine inches deep. The walk is expected to take four hours.

All along the line of march arrangements have been made for the determined women to get hot drinks and to warm themselves. A big carry-all is following them along the road to pick up any who may fall by the wayside.

STOLE KEY TO DRAWBRIDGE TIED UP ALL TRAFFIC

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 24.—"Some practical joker stole the 'key' to the North Aberdeen drawbridge yesterday and carried it three blocks. As a result traffic in the Wishkah river was tied up the greater part of the day. The key, or crank, was finally found in a vacant lot."

SEYMOUR AND SPANOS TO SALEM AFTER CHRISTMAS

In order to show the greatest amount of kindness possible under the circumstances, Judge Frank M. Calkins of the circuit court, who on Saturday sentenced Frank Seymour and Mike Spanos to death for the murder of George Dedaskalous, has delayed signing the commitment papers of the two in order that they might remain in Jackson county until after Christmas. This will allow them to have friends call and see them. As soon as the commitment papers are signed the two will be taken to Salem.

Jailor Eaton has prepared an elaborate Christmas dinner for the prisoners and due deference will be given Spanos and Seymour as it is probably the last Christmas dinner they will ever enjoy.

Appeals will be taken in each case and this will act as a stay of execution.

PLAN SAVING OF \$750,000 CUSTOMS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—An executive order re-organizing the customs service at an annual saving of \$750,000 is to be submitted for President Taft's approval after the holidays by Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh, it was learned today.

The order has been submitted to the house committee on expenditures in the treasury department confidentially.

As it would reduce the democratic patronage by a quarter of a million to half a million, the committee has taken no action. The plan reduces the number of surveyors in the custom service and supercedes many collectors by deputy collectors, who will be under civil service. It is reported that President-Elect Wilson favors the plan.

BIG RABBIT HUNT IN EASTERN OREGON

STANFIELD, Ore., Dec. 24.—The people of this city, young and old today are preparing for the biggest rabbit hunt in the history of Oregon. Not only the villagers here but a thousand visitors from the countryside about will join in the hunt and a special train from Pendleton will bring rabbit chasers from that point. The line will extend for ten miles and it is expected that 10,000 rabbits will be corralled.

SANTA CLAUS TO VISIT MEDFORD HOMES TONIGHT

Clerks and Shoppers See Day of Rest Tomorrow After Strenuous Campaign of Christmas Shopping—Everybody's Been Buyin' 'Em.

Fraternal Orders and City Make Provision for All the Poor and Needy of the City.

Tonight belongs to Santa Claus, and what he will do to Medford chimney will be a plenty according to the outlook. For two weeks a strenuous campaign of Christmas shopping has been waged in the city and today scores of worn out clerks and shop girls are looking forward, not so much to Santa Claus' coming, as to the relief and rest Christmas will bring to them. Their hours have been doubled lately all of the stores being opened during the evening and the stores have been jammed with patrons. It has been a busy two weeks.

While an epidemic of scarletina has interfered with some of the Christmas entertainments planned in the city, there will be scores of private trees in the homes and the little tots will have the time of their lives when dawn awakens them tomorrow. Papa will get his later when the bills come in.

A splendid effort has been made this year to alleviate all of the suffering and privation in the city as far as possible. The Elks, the K. of P., the churches and the city have taken steps to leave food and clothing with the poor, and in this the children have not been over looked, toys and candy being included in the supplies left with each family. While Medford has not the number of poor that many other places has, there are a number of families to which food and clothing mean much.

The weather man has promised to behave. A cloudy day is predicted but the precipitation will be slight.

BAY CITY BURNS HAMMER TONIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 24.—"Burning the hammer of knavery will be celebrated here tonight, when at 8:45, Miss Mae Josephine Bennett set a match to the funeral pyre which will be the signal for the festivities to commence.

Madame Bernice De Pasquale, opera singer, aided by a large chorus, will lead the musical numbers. The choir is to consist of 500 voices, specially rehearsed and trained for the occasion under direction of John W. McKenzie.

The celebration is to signify the destroying of the ill feeling and to promote harmony in San Francisco.

It is planned to have the festival over by 7:45.

STEEL TRUST VOTES INCREASE OF WAGES

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—As a Christmas present to its employes and particularly to its unskilled workmen the general offices of the United States Steel corporation announced today that a general wage increase had been decided on.

WHITE CHRISTMAS NOW IS OUTLOOK

The first snow of winter began to fall today in Medford and from present indications Medford will enjoy a white Christmas, although the prediction for tonight is rain.

The weather has grown warmer since the first of the week when the low mark of the year was touched.