

LANDIS GRILLS COMPROMISE OF OLEO FRAUD

Federal Judge Upsets Cash Settlement of \$101,000 Made on Last Day of Taft Administration and Orders Grand Jury Probe of Affair.

Intimates Federal Officials Conspired to Defraud Uncle Sam and Will Investigate Reason.

CHICAGO, March 17.—Open declaration that the Taft administration erred when it effected a settlement with manufacturers of oleomargarine on its last day in office was made here today by United States Judge K. M. Landis in instructing a special grand jury which convened here today to probe the alleged \$1,250,000 oleo frauds. The jurors were ordered not only to investigate the charges that manufacturers defrauded the government but also to determine whether certain government officials were involved in the conspiracy.

Judge Landis flatly instructed the jurors to disregard the settlement which the last administration made with the manufacturers. He declared that if the manufacturers were guilty of criminal fraud they could not obtain immunity by paying the government any fixed sum.

Judge Landis had called a special session of the grand jury to probe the charges, when former Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh approved of a compromise by which the government was paid \$101,000. The jury was empaneled anyway, Judge Landis reiterating the circumstances and adding:

"On March 4 the commissioner of internal revenue, with the approval of the secretary of the treasury, accepted the so-called compromise. Thereupon I directed United States District Attorney Wilkerson to ascertain the terms of the settlement. He reported that \$101,000 was paid 'in full settlement of all liabilities, both criminal and civil.'"

Concluding his instructions to the grand jury, Judge Landis said: "You will inquire whether attorneys, agents or representatives of the companies or federal officers conspired to defraud the government. You will have the full power of the court behind you. If necessary witnesses may be summoned from every place in the country."

REBELS PLAN TO REGAIN LAURELS

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 17.—Colonel Elias Calles and Colonel Pedro Bracamonte, leaders of the Sonora constitutionalists, who met in glorious defeat Saturday at Naco, are completing plans today for a determined attempt to regain their lost ground. They say they will reorganize their shattered commands, and, in conjunction with General Obregon, who holds Nogales, attack Naco late this week.

"We will not be caught napping again," Calles said. "This time all is arranged, and Naco must fall. Ojeda will be captured."

Fifteen state troops are known to be dead and at least 50 wounded. The federal loss is still unknown. The actual rebel loss is believed to be very heavy.

HYDE JURY FAILS TO AGREE; DISCHARGED

KANSAS CITY, March 17.—Reporting a hopeless deadlock, the jury trying Dr. B. C. Hyde for the murder of Colonel Thomas Swope was discharged this afternoon by Judge Porterfield.

This failure to convict Hyde on this third trial probably means that the sensational charges against him will be dropped for good.

Bourne Thinks Crater Lake Park Appropriation Is Safe

Washington, D. C., March 17. Mail Tribune, Medford, Ore.:

Have assurances from leaders of both parties in both houses on the committees on appointments, which I think justifies me in assuring you that sundry civil bill containing my amendment for \$75,000 for Crater Lake will be re-enacted before the middle of next May. As \$48,000 remains of the \$50,000 I secured last year, District Engineer Morrow should be able to make his plans for extensive work this summer and Crater Lake project will lose nothing by presidential veto or defeat of sundry civil bill last session. Kindly show Commercial club officers this telegram.

JONATHAN BOURNE, JR.

BUCKETS OF LARD PROVE VERY POOR BULLET PROTECTION

LAREDO, Texas, March 17.—Barricading themselves in a lard factory, 200 Maderistas early today crept into Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, just across the line from here, and attacked the federal garrison. The buckets of lard afforded poor protection, however, and after two hours of long range skirmishing the rebels were forced to withdraw. The loss to the rebels is placed at 20 killed and several wounded. The federal loss was slight.

Colonel Brewer, commanding the American troops here, notified both factions that he would not countenance any firing across the border. It was reported that a woman and a child were struck here by stray bullets. Many non-combatants fled to the American side.

GRAND JURY PROBES \$100,000 BURGLAR CASE

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—The evidence gathered by the police against Owen D. Conn, San Francisco's "\$100,000 burglar" and Miss Kitty Pope, who Conn mentioned in his confession to the police, will be heard by the grand jury tomorrow night.

The condition of Conn who was shot at the time of his capture in improving. Detective Frank Black left for Detroit Saturday night to return the woman to this city. The warrant was issued for Mrs. Pope so that Detroit authorities might have grounds on which to hold her in custody.

SIXTEEN TRAINS FREE FROM SNOW BLOCKADE

DENVER, March 17.—Sixteen passenger trains which were stalled by great barriers of snow and storm debris between Brush and Akron, Colo., were released at noon today. Big gangs of laborers, who had been working since the latter part of last week, redoubled their efforts today, and the service is now assuming normal proportions.

SUFFRAGISTS ASK WILSON'S AID

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Pleas to President Wilson to have him urge a constitutional amendment providing for woman suffrage throughout the United States were personally made today by Mrs. Ida Husted Harper, of New York; Miss Mary Dixon, of Maryland; Mrs. Claudia Stone, wife of Congressman Stone, of Illinois; Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, of Philadelphia, and Miss Alice Paul, of Washington.

Mrs. Harper told the president that his book, "The New Freedom," carried strong arguments in favor of suffrage.

"We only ask to take every word of what you have said for the political liberty of men and apply them to women," she declared.

CALIFORNIA TO PUT NURSES ON WAGE EQUALITY

STATE CAPITOL, Sacramento, Cal., March 17.—California will take the lead of progressive states to place the female nurses in its state institutions on a wage equality with the men at this session of the legislature.

That was made virtually certain today by the announcement from Governor Johnson that he had instructed the board of control to make a full report on the disparity of present wages between men and women in the state hospitals with the idea of including in pending hospital appropriations sufficient money to equalize the compensation.

The board of control will make its report late today, according to Chairman Neylan. It will require an appropriation of \$21,733 to increase the women nurses' wages to the men's standard.

At present the women are started in at \$22 a month and gradually raised to a maximum of \$50. The men begin with \$40 and are raised to \$55 when they become head attendants.

About 500 women would be affected by the governor's proposed increase.

200 HOMELESS, DUE TO FLOOD AT MOBILE

MOBILE, Ala., March 17.—One death is reported here today as a result of the cold wave which is clutching the city. Flood waters have put the electric light plant out of commission and made two hundred homeless.

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 17.—Negro gondoliers are ferrying residents to and from their homes here today, following the inundation of a portion of the city by flood waters.

YOUNG WOMAN SHOOTS HERSELF THROUGH BREAST

VENICE, Cal., March 17.—Apparently identified as Nettie Tabler, of Norborne, Mo., the body of an attractive young woman about 22 years of age, who committed suicide by shooting herself through the heart, will be shipped tonight to relatives in Missouri.

PRESIDENT OF CHINESE REPUBLIC EXPECTED TO MAKE HIMSELF THE PERMANENT CHIEF



YUAN SHIH-KAI

The first Presidential election in China is to be held some time this year. There is a feeling that Yuan Shih-kai, the President, will arrogate to himself the powers of a dictator and the Republic will exist in name only.

The belief is almost general in the south that at present Yuan Shih-kai is engaged in the manoeuvre colloquially characterized as "playing 'possum'" pending his election as permanent President.

PUNISH ELOPERS AS WHITE SLAVERS

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—Declaration that he would prosecute Mury I. Diggs and Drew Caminetti, two prominent Sacramento men who eloped to Reno, Nevada, from the capital city with two young society girls, for violation of the Mann white slave act, was made here today by United States District Attorney McNabb. Warrants for the two men, McNabb said, would be sworn out this afternoon.

CONTRABAND CHINESE SEEKING A LANDING

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 17.—Following reports that two mysterious smuggling craft loaded with contraband Chinese are attempting to land their human cargo on American soil, several revenue cutters were said to be detailed to guard every port of entry on the coast today. It is stated the coolies are being brought from Esenada, Lower California, in two high power steam schooners, and will be landed, if possible, either at San Diego or near Half Moon bay, south of San Francisco.

Special Congress Closed

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The special congress closed at 2:10 o'clock this afternoon when the senate adjourned sine die.

SENATE REFUSES TO CONFIRM C. P. NEILL

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The senate today confirmed all of President Wilson's nominations except that of Charles P. Neill to be United States commissioner of labor. Southern senators are bitterly opposing the re-confirmation of Neill.

POLITICIAN HEAD OF WHITE SLAVERS

CHICAGO, March 17.—A prominent Chicago politician, now under surveillance by the United States authorities, is the head of the white slavers of Illinois and, possibly, of the whole middle west, according to Blair Coan, official prober for the state senate committee engaged here in investigating starvation wages and vice in this state.

"We know the name of this man," said Coan, "and although he is now out of the city, detectives are keeping an eye on him, and when he returns he will be subpoenaed and compelled to testify. At the same time the men associated with him will be subpoenaed and if they refuse to testify they will be jailed."

Lieutenant Governor Barrett O'Hara said this afternoon that the starvation wages disclosures had resulted in an exodus of country girls, many of their parents having called them home.

FALLS INTO NIAGARA FALLS WHILE GAZING AT SIGHTS

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., March 17.—Losing her balance while gazing at the falls from a point on Lunn Island, Mrs. Jos. Kigitich of Buffalo fell into the river and was swept over the American falls. Her body has not been recovered.

Aviator Killed

AMBERIEU, France, March 17.—Because he attempted to cut a sharp turn Aviator Mercer was thrown from his aeroplane and instantly killed today. He was testing the machine.

THIEVES TUNNEL TO GET \$300,000

NEW YORK, March 17.—With only two pairs of heavy gloves and some unmarked tools as clues, the police admitted here today that they have no trace of the clever cracksmen who yesterday tunneled to the vault of Martin Simons and Sons, Hester street pawnbrokers and escaped with \$300,000 worth of jewelry and negotiable paper. The job is believed to have been the work of two experts.

The loot consisted mostly of diamonds, and could have been carried away in the pockets of the two men. The robbers overlooked more than \$400,000 worth of valuables stored in another section of the vault.

The thieves gained access to the vault by digging a tunnel from an abutting building on a neighboring street. The police say the job required all of Saturday night and most of Sunday morning, the actual robbery occurring some time yesterday afternoon. The vault, which stood twelve feet high, was entered by chopping away the masonry.

None of the tenants in either of the buildings heard any unusual noises. The robbery was discovered by a janitress late yesterday who peered through the window and saw the litter about the vault. A woman living in an adjoining tenement said she saw a dark skinned man emerge from the cellar of the building at noon yesterday with a bundle. A light wagon, bearing an old man, drove up to the curb she said, and the pair then disappeared.

NEW PLANS OF DISSOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED

Lovett Blames California for Failure of Unmerging Plans—Entirely New Scheme to Be Worked Out and Submitted to Courts for Approval.

Disapproval of Certain Leases Make It Useless to Proceed With Old Plan Asserts Head of Harriman System.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Responsibility for failure of recent plans for dissolution of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger was placed upon the California railroad commission here today by Judge Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the Union Pacific's board of directors.

"The refusal of the California board," said Lovett today, "to approve of certain leases made it useless to present the plan to the circuit court in St. Louis Saturday."

Lovett also admitted that attorneys for the company were at work on new plans. He continued:

"The present situation is such that we must start a fresh dissolution plan, and one that will comply with the supreme court's decision. As soon as it is finished we will submit it to Attorney General McReynolds and the circuit judges."

"The original agreement for acquisition of the Central Pacific railroad by the Union Pacific contained reciprocal provisions for the joint use of certain tracks and terminals in California. These provisions were eliminated because of certain restrictions imposed by the California commission. Provisions were then inserted for interchange of traffic and these were limited to interstate traffic wherever the California commission had no jurisdiction. There remained then for the approval of the California commission only the disposition of lines north of Tehama and the lease of the Central Pacific to the Union Pacific, which from a previous opinion of the commission and expression of its members, we had no reason to doubt would be approved."

DECLARE STRIKE OF RUBBER WORKERS OVER

AKRON, Ohio, March 17.—Following the resumption of work by one plant here today, the rubber manufacturers declare the strike of rubber workers is broken. This plant is operating three shifts of eight hours each, and the other concerns are planning to put on night shifts. The men who resumed work carried some of the concessions asked for by the strikers.

The only hope of the strike now lies in the Central Labor union which is holding in abeyance the question of a general strike. Practically all parading and picketing by the strikers has been abandoned.

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WILSON ENDS SENATE SESSION BY TELEPHONE

Another Precedent Smashed in Washington—Independence for Philippines Will Be Considered at Special Session in April.

Pledge of Party to Be Kept Declares Author of Bill Giving Freedom to Little Brown Brothers.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The eyes of old timers in the United States senate bulged today when President Woodrow Wilson shattered another precedent and adjourned the upper house of congress by telephone. After confirming a number of nominations, the senate appointed a committee to inform the president that it was ready to adjourn. Then one of the members notified Wilson of the committee's appointment over the telephone and Wilson answered that the time set for adjournment suited him and the matter ended.

Independence for the Philippines will be considered by congress during the special session which opens April 7, according to Congressman Jones of Virginia, author of a bill to that end. Jones declared today that President Wilson is in hearty accord with that paragraph of the democratic platform which pledges freedom for the "little brown brother" and will sign the bill if it is passed by congress.

Jones said that his bill will be brought up in the house while that body is awaiting action by the senate on the tariff bill.

"If the tariff measure is brought up and considered as a whole, which seems to be the present plan," Jones said, "there will be weeks of debate in the senate, during which time the house will be idle and will meet each day only to adjourn. It will be during one of these periods that I shall offer the bill, and I believe it will pass without much difficulty."

"The democratic platform explicitly declared for the independence of the Philippines and the pledge, thrice repeated, should be kept. I have no doubt that the majority of my colleagues are heartily in favor of keeping their promise."

SALAZAR PLANS ATTACK ON JUAREZ

JUAREZ, Mexico, March 17.—Advancing to within 10 miles of the city, 1200 rebels under the command of General Salazar today are planning to invest Juarez. Colonel Vasquez commanding the federal garrison is prepared to defend his position with two field pieces and two machine guns.

The rebels control both railroads leading to the south and greatly outnumber the garrison. It was expected that Colonel Vasquez would come to the American side rather than participate in a general battle, fearing international complications might result from any firing across the border.

HARRIMAN STOCKS CONTINUE TO LOSE

NEW YORK, March 17.—Wide fluctuations featured the railroad stocks in the market today, following the announcement that the Harriman dissolution plan had been abandoned. Union Pacific declined a fraction and Southern Pacific rose as much. Canadian Pacific and Lehigh Valley were weak. The volume of business was small. The market closed dull. Bonds were heavy.

TROOPERS AND REBELS SLAIN TUNIS FRONTIER

TRIPOLI, March 17.—Four native troopers and ten rebels were killed on the Tunisian frontier near here in a clash between government and insurrectionist forces.