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PROBE ATTEMPT BLACKEN NAME COUNTY JUDGE

Grand Jury Probing Charges on Books of Beall & Co. to Ascertain Facts Regarding Alleged Unscrupulous Methods of Contractors.

True Bills Returned Against Johnson, Turner, Jack Miller and Joe Howard—Odin and Welch Escape.

Investigation of alleged unscrupulous methods employed by disappointed contractors in the Pacific highway bids to blacken the name of County Judge F. L. TouVelle and State Highway Engineer H. L. Bowlby are being investigated by the grand jury. Subpoenas have been issued for Portland contractors and agents, who are now on their way to testify in the probe. They will arrive today. It is alleged that Beall and company of Portland charged on their books auto tires against Judge TouVelle, which he had never ordered or received, in order to convey the impression that he had received tires without pay from contractors of road machinery. Anonymous letters regarding the letting of Siskiyou highway contracts are also to be probed.

The grand jury this morning returned a true bill against A. A. Johnson and Charles Turner charged with living in and about a house of ill fame.

A true bill was returned against Jack Miller accused of larceny in a store in Ashland, and a no true bill against Joe Howard on the same charge.

Not true bills were returned against W. H. Odin and E. C. Welch accused of mining claims fraud in an exchange of property on Evans creek.

HANGING BUNGLED MANIAC STRANGLES SLOWLY TO DEATH

CALGARY, Alberta, Feb. 17.—The hanging of Jasper Collins today at the military barracks here was bungled and the victim strangled slowly, living seventeen minutes. He had confessed to the slaying of John Benson, and three days ago became insane.

Collins was seated in an arm chair when the trap was sprung at 8:03 o'clock. Dr. Castello pronounced him dead at 8:20. Hangman Homes was so nervous that it required several minutes for him to adjust the noose about Collins' neck. When the trap was sprung the rope slipped and caught Collins under the chin. He dangled from the rope, groaning.

When cut down five minutes later Collins was clearly still alive. He was laid beside his coffin to die. Sheriff Graham deciding not to put the murderer on the trap again. His groans were heard from time to time.

JIM HILL ASSERTS BUSINESS MEN NOT AFRAID OF WILSON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—James J. Hill was authority for the statement today that business men are not afraid of the Wilson administration's anti-trust program. Hill conferred with Chairman Williamson of the interstate commerce commission.

MINER AT HENRYVILLE DEAD FROM INJURIES

MARSHFIELD, Or., Feb. 17.—John Kelly, one of the men shot in the fight between miners at Henryville Sunday night, died here today as a result of his injuries.

HEIRESS TO LUCKY BALDWIN'S MILLIONS, COMPOSES MUSIC



Mrs. Anita Baldwin McClaughry, daughter of Lucky Baldwin, to whom he left millions, has just admitted she is the "Anita Baldwin" whose name appears as the composer of the incidental music of "Omar, the Tent-maker."

Critics thought well of the music, which is part of the Persian atmosphere, but none of them thought to

connect the name of "Anita Baldwin" on the programme with the California girl who inherited the Baldwin millions. And the management did not announce her identity, because she had asked that the music should be given an opportunity on its own merits. The music is to be published by one of the leading musical firms in the country.

EIGHT HOUR LAW DOESN'T APPLY TO POLICE-FIREMEN

SALEM, Or., Feb. 17.—Holding that firemen and policemen of Portland are not laborers, but officers, the supreme court today declared that the state eight-hour law does not apply to them. Mayor B. R. Albee, who is theoretically confined in jail on complaint brought by State Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff, is ordered released from custody.

Justice Moore, who wrote the opinion, says that even if firemen and policemen were classed as laborers, the evidence in the case does not show that they have been employed in violation of the eight-hour law. "Giving to the term 'laborer' as used in the enactment quoted," says Justice Moore, "the most extensive definition applicable, it is not believed that a fireman or a policeman employed by the city of Portland or the services which he is ordinarily required to perform for it, makes either a laborer within the meaning of that word."

SMALL GAINS IN STOCK MART TODAY

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Price changes were small when the stock market opened today and the volume of business was light. Reading and Amalgamated made small gains but the Harriman stocks were slightly lower. Fluctuations among the leaders were narrow, but some of the inactive shares moved more widely. Later buying orders increased and the popular shares moved half or so above their opening figures. Western Union declined 1 and New Haven nearly as much. Bonds were easy. The market closed lower.

PROBE ROCK ISLAND HOLDING COMPANY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—A resolution providing for an investigation by the inter-state commerce commission of the holding companies which control the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railway company was introduced in the house today by Representative Green of Iowa.

COURT RULINGS FAVOR DEFENSE IN GORE TRIAL

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Feb. 17.—Both the defense and prosecution in the trial of Senator Thomas P. Gore, charged with attacking Mrs. Minnie E. Bond in a Washington hotel, rested at 9:55 o'clock this morning. The case was expected to go to the jury this afternoon. Justice Clark instructed the jury that the burden of proof rested on the plaintiff. He said the existence of a conspiracy of secure political preferment from Senator Gore might be proved either by direct or circumstantial evidence.

Justice Clark directed the jury to return a verdict for the plaintiff if the jury found that Senator Gore had laid hands on the plaintiff without her consent or believing that she would consent. "Unless you find," said Justice Clark, "that the defendant threw the plaintiff on the bed you should render a verdict for the defendant."

Senator Gore was scathingly arraigned by Attorney Giddings, representing Mrs. Bond. He said all the defense witnesses were federal office holders, saying: "They must have known that Gore's nature had such inclinations and must have known that was his reputation in Washington."

Mrs. Bond wept while Giddings was speaking, but Senator Gore showed no emotion. Senator Gore today received scores of telegrams expressing sympathy.

Attorney Pruitt spoke for the defense this afternoon.

PRESIDENT FIRM FOR GOVERNMENT ALASKA RAILROAD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—President Wilson has not given up his plan for a government railroad in Alaska. Reports that he had decided it was impossible to get the necessary bill through at the present session of congress were emphatically denied at the white house today. "Indeed, the contrary is the fact," said Secretary Tumulty. "Alaskan development is a subject very dear to the president's heart. He hopes and expects congress will do its part without unnecessary delay."

BABIES' DEATH DUE TO GUNMEN SAYS MOTHER

Miner's Wife Testifies Before Congressional Committee That Cruelty of Gunmen Caused Her Infants to Die—Guilty of No Crime, She Says

Women Strike Pickets Fired Upon, Ordered Away, Stoned and Chased Asserts Women Witnesses.

HANCOCK, Mich., Feb. 17.—Her face wet with tears, Mrs. Margaret Chaceca, a striking Slav miner's wife, testifying today before the congressional committee of inquiry into conditions in the Michigan copper region, accused gunmen in the mine-owners' service of responsibility for her four-months-old baby's death recently.

For some reason, she said, she was never able to learn the gunmen, she asserted, arrested her, beat her with a club, held her captive for several hours and forced her to accompany them on a long automobile trip to Houghton, carrying her baby in her arms. The exposure, she added, killed it a few days later. "My husband tried to find out what I had done," concluded the witness, "but he couldn't and the prosecutor said there was nothing he could do."

That gunmen in the miners' service fired on women strike pickets was asserted today by Mrs. Selma Heppila, a witness before the congressional committee investigating labor conditions in the Michigan copper country. "It happened December 1," she said, through an interpreter. "A number of other women and I were doing picket duty for the strikers in the Houghton county road. We were not on the mine property but the deputies ordered us away and then shot at us and when we fled, stoned us and chased after, beating us with sticks. Six women were knocked down."

MOTHER JONES TO TESTIFY BEFORE STRIKE PROBERS

TRINIDAD, Colo., Feb. 17.—Governor Ammons of Colorado bowed today to congress' authority. The striking coal miners' representatives wanted "Mother" Jones brought as a witness before the congressional committee investigating conditions in the coal fields of the state. The committee wanted to hear her testimony. They notified the governor of their wishes and the governor yielded.

"Will you direct the military authorities to bring 'Mother' Jones before this committee for examination?" was the query Chairman Foster of the committee telegraphed to the governor.

"I will obey your wishes," was the governor's response, "but would prefer that you subpoena her here after you return to Denver or see her at the hospital to avoid the possibility of trouble. Letter follows."

His answer was taken as intimating plainly that he had no idea of defying the national legislature's authority. Foster had not decided whether to summon the witness at once or to await the arrival of the governor's letter.

Charles Morton, a strikebreaker, testified that he came to the Colorado Coal Mining country from Pennsylvania because conditions and wages were better in the west. He said he was opposed to unionism, that the conduct of the soldiers stationed at Berwind was all that could have been desired, and that no one interfered with him.

Sam Irons, a striker, asserted that the superintendent of the Hugby mine prevented him from getting his mail, and Lebo Pedri, another striker, told the investigators that officials of the mining companies have been the only school trustees the district has had in five years.

SCENE IN MEXICAN REFUGEE CAMP AT FORT BLISS



This is the kind of home left to most of those Mexicans who fled from Ojinaga when the bloodthirsty General Villa captured the town from the federals. Hundreds of the people of the place threw themselves on the mercy of the United States troops on the border. American soldiers had to supply them with tents and equipment for camps and then gave them rations. This is just a typical Mexican home of one of the families driven forth. A Mexican mother is washing her child in view of the passersby in the great corral which the American troops have erected to hold the refugees. Some hundreds of them are held prisoners within an inclosure of a half mile surrounded by strong barbed wire.

ALLEGED INDIANS BRUTALLY TREATED COVELO RESERVE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 17.—Charges that the Indian wards of the United States government on the Covelo reservation in Mendocino county, California, were being brutally mistreated and their funds misused were made before United States Judge Maurice Dooling here today by the Rev. F. G. Collett, field secretary of the Indian board of co-operation. The charges were voiced during the arraignment of three young Indians charged with burning down the new government schoolhouse on the reservation, erected at a cost of \$10,000.

Collett charged that the Indians set fire to the schoolhouse in a spirit of revenge after they had been stripped naked and flogged until they bled from head to foot because of some trifling misconduct. He declared that these beatings were frequent and that the funds of the reservation, appointed for the care of the Indians, were not being used properly.

Judge Dooling ordered the case continued two weeks. He promised that Collett's charges would be investigated.

ASSOCIATED PRESS METHODS PROBED

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—To determine whether or not the radical newspaper "The Masses" libeled the Associated Press when it published a cartoon representing the latter's news service as "Poisoned at the Source," Judge Wadhams granted today a motion that a committee be sent to Pittsburgh and into West Virginia to learn how the Associated Press' reports of the West Virginia strike were handled.

According to Attorney Gilbert Roe of "The Masses," the commission will first examine the despatches received from West Virginia in the Associated Press' Pittsburgh office and then the ones sent out from Pittsburgh to see how they compare.

FROZEN TO DEATH IN FIGHTING BLIZZARD

GARDEN CITY, L. I., Feb. 19.—Editor E. N. Townsend of the Nassau County Republican Commission was found frozen to death today in a snowdrift in front of his house. A very poorly, elderly man, it was believed he felt exhausted while fighting the blizzard.

LAND ADVOCATES LEASING SYSTEM FOR ALASKA MINES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Development of Alaska by a government leasing system, safeguarded against monopoly, was urged here today before the house land committee by Secretary of the Interior Lane. "I feel confident that the people are convinced," said Lane, "not only that Alaska's coal should be available but that the wisest and safest policy is to open the land by a leasing system. Alaskans feel resentful because their long cry for help has gone unheeded.

"We are to make Alaska more our own by building a government railroad from the coast southward. Such a road will remove the terrors of isolation. With new railroads a new Alaska is possible.

"The Pacific calls upon congress to place this fuel supply at the public's command."

WOLGAST COLLECTS MORE EASY MONEY

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Feb. 17.—Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion of the world, collected some more easy money here today following his defeat last night of Tommy Gary in a ten round bout. Gary entered the ring handicapped by a boil on the left cheek and Wolgast made the sore spot a target as long as the bout lasted. Wolgast showed flashes of his old time form. As usual he relied upon a left rip to the body followed by a right hook to the jaw. Gary weighed 133 pounds and was outclassed from start to finish. Wolgast weighed around 137 pounds.

URGES AIRSHIP RACE ACROSS CONTINENT

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—A race across the continent instead of the proposed race around the world was urged by the Aeronautical society in a letter to the Panama Pacific Exposition commission, made public here today. A sea to sea flight, the letter declared, would insure a record breaking number of entries and the results attained would be of greater advantage. The ocean-to-ocean flight also was discussed by members of the Aero club of American but none would say the race around the world should be abandoned.

SPOTT ACCUSED BY IDA PEARRING OF ASSAULTING HER

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 17.—Paul Spott, an Oakland plumber, charged by Miss Ida Pearring with attacking her here on New Year's day, was arraigned before Judge Crist today. Matur I. Diggs and Walter Gilligan are awaiting trial on a similar charge. Despite the protests of Spott's attorneys, his preliminary hearing was continued until Thursday morning.

Miss Pearring repeated her former statements to the effect that Spott came into the room where she alleges she was attacked by Diggs and Gilligan, and threatened her if she involved Diggs. Then, she swore, Spott dragged her from the bed and struck her head until she lost consciousness.

"Spott attempted to put his arms around me and I slapped his face," said Miss Pearring. "If you ever tell anything about Diggs you will never get home alive," Spott said to me.

Miss Pearring said that when Spott came into the room she had on a pair of pajamas, but declared she did not know how she got them on. "And," she added, "that man Spott tried to pull them off, and then we had a regular fight."

DESPERATE BATTLE BETWEEN ZAPATISTAS AND FEDERALS RAGING

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 17.—Desperate fighting between federals and Zapatistas was in progress today at Milpa Alta, 29 miles from here.

The Zapatistas have been lurking about Milpa Alta for several days but the federals outnumbered them and kept them on the move. Last night, however, they were heavily reinforced and at dawn attacked the federal garrison fiercely.

More federals with rapid fire guns were rushed from here to the scene. The engagement was reported to be an exceptionally bloody one and it was believed the dead would be numerous.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 17.—Antonio Bagoni was sentenced to five days' imprisonment today by Police Judge Sullivan for driving his automobile fifty-one miles an hour along Mission street.