

STATE CALHOUN STOLE MILLION FROM TROLLEYS

California State Railroad Commission Declares That President Patrick Calhoun Looted Property and That Directors Ratified Action of Official.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 23.—That Patrick Calhoun, when president of the United Railroads of San Francisco, "took from the funds of this public utility corporation over \$1,000,000, when every available dollar was sorely needed properly to increase the facilities of this company," and that he gave to Joss Lallenthal, his successor, a promissory note for \$100,000, payable one day after date, which Lallenthal immediately wrote down in the books of the company as of the value of one dollar, are statements made public today by the state railroad commission.

The statements are embodied in an opinion and order issued by the commission on an application of the United Railroads for permission to borrow money to increase the rolling stock.

"This whole transaction is a fraud, not only upon the public, which is dependent upon this utility for its street car service," the opinion reads, "but also upon the bond and note holders of this company."

Gave Irrigation Stock Calhoun, says the order, gave in security for the money stock of the Solano Irrigated Farms, Inc., a real estate venture which met with financial calamity several months ago. He had been authorized by a resolution of the directors of the United Railroads, in August, 1912, to draw such sums and make such advances "or disbursements on account of any corporation as he may deem for the best interests of this company." The directors ratified "all sums of money hitherto drawn by the president of this company, and all advances hitherto made by him, or disbursements made on account of any person or corporation."

Calhoun subscribed to 49,991 shares of the common stock of the Solano Irrigated Farms company. "We hesitate," the opinion states, "to put in words a proper characterization of this transaction."

Directors Ratify Looting "United Railroads has been paying, and now is paying, dividends on first preferred stock amounting to \$350,000 a year, and these same stockholders apparently joined in confirmation of the acts of Calhoun in looting the property of this company."

The records of the company show that the stockholders ratified and confirmed the resolution of the directors authorizing this transaction in high finance.

"And this," the railroad commission comments, "at a time when this same company was urging on this commission the necessity of issuing (Continued on Page 8)

THE ZAPATA BROTHERS, THE TERRORS OF SOUTHERN MEXICO, AND ONE OF THEIR MOUNTAIN CAMPS



EMILIANO ZAPATA



GENERAL EUPHEMIO ZAPATA (ARROW) BROTHER OF THE BANDIT LEADER, EMILIANO ZAPATA, IN THE CAMP OF THE "ZAPATISTAS"

WOMEN ASSERT MILITIA SET FIRE LUDLOW TENTS

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Another story of the disasters of the Colorado mine strike was told today to Senators Kern, Martine and Kenyon by wives of miners, who saw the battle of Ludlow between the militia and miners when tents of strikers were burned and lives were lost. The testimony was not taken formally, and in addition to their own statements, the women exhibited photographs.

"I saw men in uniform dip a brush in buckets and swash something on the tents; I think it was oil," Mrs. Pearl Jollie told the senators.

"I did not see the men put oil on tents," said Mrs. M. H. Thomas, another miner's wife, "but I did see men in uniform touch fire to the tents."

Senator Kern said that since a house committee had already investigated the strike, there was little the senate could do. Senator Martine may relate the testimony of the women to the senate.

BOB FITZSIMMONS SUED FOR DIVORCE

CHICAGO, May 23.—Robert Fitzsimmons, formerly world's champion heavyweight prizefighter, was sued for divorce today in the circuit court by Mrs. Julia Fitzsimmons, who charged he had treated her with extreme and repeated cruelty since their marriage in San Francisco in 1903.

Mrs. Fitzsimmons alleged her husband threatened to kill her when she left him in July, 1910, and that she fears that unless restrained by the court he will carry out his threats.

DEPORT SYRIANS WHO SOUGHT FUNDS FOR FAKE SCHOOL

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 23.—George Michael and Joseph George are held today by immigration officials here and will be recommended for deportation on the ground that they worked a confidence game on President Wilson, Senator Stone and Secretary of War Garrison.

The two men were arrested here after soliciting funds from the Business Men's league for an orphanage in Van, Syria. They showed to the secretary of the charities committee of the league letters of recommendation from President Wilson, Senator Stone and Secretary Garrison.

The secretary of the committee reported the matter to James R. Dunn, immigration inspector. The inspector had already been informed that letters of recommendation had been given by the president, the secretary of war and Senator Stone.

Investigation, it was stated, revealed that the letters of recommendation which the men had parroted to bring from church officials in Syria were bogus and that none has been authorized to solicit funds in America for it.

SALTILLO CAPTURE DENIED AT NIAGARA

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., May 23.—A statement was issued today from the Mexican delegates denying that Saltillo had been taken or Guadaluajara is being besieged. They say small bands of rebels harrassing the neighborhood of San Luis of'osi have been routed.

ACTRESS DEFENDANT IN DIVORCE ACTION



MISS TRULY SHATTUCK

Miss Truly Shattuck, comedy star and vaudeville headliner, is the defendant in a divorce petition on trial at Detroit, Mich. Her husband, Stephen A. Douglas, charges desertion. In the bill of complaint it is alleged that they were married in 1899, and that she deserted him in 1904, returning to the stage.

SUNDAY GAMES DECLARED AMERICA'S GREATEST MENACE

CHICAGO, May 23.—Sunday baseball was condemned in the report of the committee on Sabbath observance which was presented and discussed at the morning session of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States today.

A suggestion from the floor that a sentence in the report "disapproving all secular games and sports on Sunday," be changed to read, "all commercialized games and sports," was not accepted.

Adjournment hour was reached before the report had been wholly considered and action on it was deferred. The report also deprecated the opening of the Panama-Pacific exposition on Sunday.

"Sabbath desecration is the greatest problem in America today," declared Rev. H. L. Bowdly of New York. "Commercialized sport, particularly baseball, is a moral menace."

A resolution praising President Wilson and his cabinet for their policy in averting war with Mexico and for accepting mediation was offered by Rev. T. S. McWilliams. The resolution was declared out of order while the Sunday observance committee report was before the assembly, and was not read.

There was no session in the afternoon.

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS MEDFORD BUILDING WITHIN NEXT MONTH

Washington, D. C., May 23. Mail Tribune, Medford, Or.:

The secretary of the treasury has stated that the department will be ready and advertise for bids for the Medford public building between the middle of June and the first of July next. GEO. E. CHAMBERLAIN.

RAIN IMPROVES FIRE SITUATION

SEATTLE, Wash., May 23.—The forest fire situation in western Washington is greatly improved today. Light rain fell all over the fire district last night and, what was more important, the wind changed to the southwest. The weather bureau predicts a good wetting for western Washington today or tomorrow. The only fire in big timber is that on the Sol Due river, in Clallam county, which ran rapidly before a north wind last night. The change of wind later, however, is believed to have checked the flames. The fires in logged-off lands have caused only minor damage.

LIGHTSHIP SINKS NEAR HALIFAX; 25 LOSE LIFE

HALIFAX, N. S., May 23.—The loss of the new lightship Halifax No. 19, with all of the twenty-five men on board, is indicated by the discovery of wreckage and three bodies near Liscomb, 100 miles east of here, today.

The lightship was on her way to this port from Paisley, Scotland, where she was built.

The lightship, which was due here yesterday, is believed to have struck a rock while feeling her way through the thick fog that has enshrouded the coast for several days.

The wreckage was sighted and the bodies picked up by the steamer Dufferin, which reported that life belts marked "Halifax No. 19," were strapped about each of the victims.

On receipt of the news of the wreck the government marine agency here made preparations to send out a steamer in search of other bodies.

The lightship sailed a few days ago from St. Johns, N. F., where she had stopped for coal.

GOVERNOR FAVORS ABOLITION OF SENATE

SALEM, re., May 23.—Governor Oswald West today went on record in favor of the abolition of the state senate when he gave his endorsement to a resolution recently passed by the state grange convention in favor of a law to abolish it. "Such a law would abolish 30 offices at once, and would be a good thing," commented the governor.

MISSIONARY REFUSES TO FLEE FROM MEXICO



MISS LAURA TEMPLE

Rather than leave an industrial school in Mexico City, where she labored for several years, Miss Laura Temple, a missionary, of Hazen, Pa., has decided to remain behind, where she may be killed or tortured any minute, according to word received in New York by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which she is a member. She is the only one of the thirty missionaries in Mexico City that remained there when the remainder fled for safety.

FLORENTINE ART STUDENT ADMITS ATTACKING WOMAN

FLORENCE, Italy, May 23.—A Florentine art student, Pietro Rossi, arrested today on suspicion of being the man who shot and robbed Mrs. Mary Flavelle of Chicago while she was on a train between Florence and Azzis, confessed to the crime.

"I am a student at the Social Science institute here and 24 years of age. I had gambled almost all the money I possessed and had started on my way home to Monte Pulcino, in order to inform my family of my predicament. On the train, however, I saw an old lady who apparently had one foot in the grave and so whom wealth could not mean much.

"The sight of the well-dressed woman tempted me and I attacked her. I would not have tried to kill her if she had not screamed when I grasped her valise. I then lost my reason and fired."

The accused is kept under close watch. The condition of Mrs. Flavelle had improved today and the doctors stated she would probably survive if her constitution was strong enough to enable her to recuperate from the great loss of blood.

ROCKEFELLER REFUSES TO SEE JUDGE LINDSEY

NEW YORK, May 23.—John D. Rockefeller, r., put an end today to rumors of a proposed conference with Judge Ben B. Lindsey of Denver, relative to the Colorado strike situation, by stating, through his secretary, the interview would never take place.

MODERN FURIES RAIDED BY POLICE

LONDON, May 23.—The police momentarily took the offensive today in the war between the "Twentieth Century Furies," as the suffragettes are now called by the authorities. The offices of the Women's Social and Political Union, the militant body, were the object of a raid in search of information as to the inner workings of the organization, which would enable the police to strike a hard blow at the authors of the frequent outrages. Incidentally it was hoped that the police might find there the coffers containing the funds of the society. Soon after the onslaught by the police, the militants reply came in the shape of several serious outrages, including the destruction of a portrait of King George at Edinburgh, an attempt to cut off the water supply of Glasgow and an act of vandalism at the British Museum. Frida Graham, militant suffragette, who slashed yesterday several valuable paintings in the National Art Gallery, was committed today for trial after a hearing at the police court. The accused kept up a continual tirade and was held fast by two policemen throughout the proceedings. Two militant suffragette vandals today broke the glass case of an exhibit in the mummy room of the British Museum. No damage was done to the exhibits. Both women were arrested. GLASGOW, Scotland, May 23.—Failure of a fuse early today saved the aqueduct which carries half of Glasgow's water supply from Loch Katrine, 40 miles away. A watchman while patrolling the aqueduct noticed some freshly turned earth. He made an investigation and discovered two powerful bombs with a half-burned fuse. In the vicinity he found a woman's handbag and a placard stating the destruction of the aqueduct was protest against the treatment of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst.

FULL MEETING OF MEDIATORS CALLED TONIGHT

Envoys Confident of Removing Obstacles That Delayed Proceedings During Preliminary Hearings—Common Grounds Sought by South American Delegates.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., May 23.—Announcement was made today that the first full conference between the mediators and both the American and Mexican delegates would be held tonight.

It was arranged at the request of the Mexican delegates, who met the mediators informally this morning, after which the South American mediators sent for the American delegates to consult them about the matter.

It is understood that the envoys felt confident of being able to remove such obstacles as had delayed proceedings during the consideration of preliminary measures.

The sudden calling of a full session for tonight was not expected by the American delegates. They had made no plans for a meeting today. The envoys of South America had no talk with the Mexican delegates and it was generally thought nothing more would occur today. Shortly thereafter the Mexican delegates requested an audience with the mediators and as the result of this second talk the announcement was made that preliminaries had been sufficiently smoothed out to justify formal sessions of all the principals to the mediation.

While it is plain the South American mediators of the Mexican situation are eager to proceed as rapidly as possible and are devoting hard work and long hours to their efforts, they realize that definite established results must come without undue haste.

It seems there has been some difficulty in getting the parties to the conference to agree concerning an essential phase of the preliminaries.

The mediators decline to disclose the character of the difficulties which are causing delay but are continuing their effort to bring the American and Mexican delegates together on common grounds.

SENATE PROVIDES FOR SPUD QUARANTINE

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The senate today adopted an amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill proposed by Senator Johnson, appropriating \$100,000 for potato quarantine inspections. An amendment to limit expenditures in the cotton belt, proposed by Mr. McCumber, was defeated.

A resolution calling on the treasury department to report which foreign commodities would be excluded by the bill to bar convict-made goods was introduced by Mr. Smith of Georgia and passed.

WATCHFUL WAITING ON MEDIATION

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Watchful waiting on mediation continued to be the attitude of the Washington government today in the Mexican situation. President Wilson left the white house early today for a ride after receiving encouraging reports of the preliminary peace negotiations from American Commissioners Lammur and Lehmann.

Evidencing no anxiety over the military situation, Secretary Garrison had gone to Atlantic City for a few days' rest. Secretary Bryan was relieved over the safe arrival of American Vice Consul John R. Silliman at Mexico City. He received a dispatch from the Brazilian minister in the Mexican capital, stating Silliman was in good health and would remain at the Brazilian legation until Monday.

Representatives of the Mexican constitutionalists here resumed conferences over the somewhat uncertain mediation situation as concerning their interests, expecting to hear from

General Carranza and to receive a call from E. Jose Vasconcelos. Mr. Vasconcelos, who had been mentioned as a probable agent of the constitutionalists to keep them in touch with mediation proceedings, already had announced he had received no instructions of such a nature and that he was coming to Washington to confer with representatives of his chief.

At the war and navy departments routine communications were received early in the day from General Finston at Vera Cruz and American admirals in Mexican waters. Consul Canada forwarded a wireless yesterday from Tampico asking that New York underwriters be advised that the steamer Atlantis, which ran ashore two days ago twenty miles north of Point Perez, probably would be a total loss. The steamer Monterey, which left Puerto Mexico yesterday, Consul Canada reported, would proceed to New Orleans, carrying 450 refugees.