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RUBBER STAMP DIRECTOR TELLS OF NEW HAVEN

William Skinner Admits Directors Did Not Personally Investigate Purchases, But Took Auditor's Word for Valuations—Justifies Creation of Favorable Sentiment.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—William Skinner, a director of the New Haven railroad, continued his testimony today at the interstate commerce commission's inquiry into the railroad's financial affairs.

After ending the great army of troops sent to capture him by the Chinese government, he set fire yesterday to Ning Chow and his followers today burned Tao Chow, in the extreme south of the province, after robbing the inhabitants.

"I took the word of the accounting department of the road," he replied. "Then, so far as these securities were concerned, you were merely a rubber stamp director?"

"I did not and could not investigate all of these details." "Did you know of the 'prayer from the hills' issued to create public sentiment?"

"Yes." "Do you think it was proper to try to influence public feeling in that way?" "I believe a railroad or other public corporation has the right to create public sentiment in its favor?"

"By deception? Do you think it was right to circulate literature purporting to come from the people, when as a matter of fact it was sent out by the railroad?"

"Justifies Creating Sentiment" "With all the hue and cry against the railroads, they must create sentiment in their favor?"

"Are they justified in using any method?" "No, but they must create the sentiment."

"You have a representative of the Pennsylvania railroad on the New Haven board and a representative of the New York Central?" asked Mr. Folk.

"Yes, both roads are represented on the New Haven board. The Pennsylvania is a very large stockholder."

"Do you think that interlocking directorates work in the public interest?" "I think so, yes. We get a tremendous traffic from the Pennsylvania. I believe the public gets a better service by our working together. Such an arrangement creates no monopoly. It works for the"

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MILITANTS PLOT TO HOLD UP KING AT TONIGHT'S COURT

LONDON, June 4.—An attempt forcibly to "hold up" King George at tonight's court at Buckingham Palace is the latest conspiracy charged to the suffragettes. The Evening Standard, which is responsible for the story, says the police discovered elaborate plans for obtaining access to the court, including forged cards of admission. The alleged plot is credited to Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst. Precautions have been taken, it is believed, which will make it impossible to carry out the plan.

Police arrangements at the court are likely to prove irksome for the king's guests. The procession of carriages arriving at the palace will have to run the gauntlet of a cordon of plainclothes detectives and police stationed at all approaches. Every carriage will be held up and every woman will have to produce credentials. Detectives acquainted with the features of the leading militants will scrutinize the moving throng.

STEAMSHIP EMPRESS OF IRELAND, WHICH WAS SUNK IN COLLISION, AND SOME NOTED PASSENGERS



MUSIC ROOM OF THE EMPRESS OF IRELAND.

LAURENCE IRVING MABEL HACKNEY SIR HENRY SETON-KARR

CHINESE BRIGAND DESTROYS MISSIONS IN SOUTH CHINA

PEKING, China, June 4.—"White Wolf," the Chinese brigand, who during the last few months has devastated the provinces of Hu-peh, Honan and Shen-si, is now looting and burning towns and villages in the province of Kiu-nan.

After ending the great army of troops sent to capture him by the Chinese government, he set fire yesterday to Ning Chow and his followers today burned Tao Chow, in the extreme south of the province, after robbing the inhabitants.

The brigands then proceeded to Chong, where they set fire to the famous monastery of the Tibetan Lamas.

Subsequently regular troops drove the bandits to the ravines of Lily mountain, 100 miles south of Lanchow, where they are reported surrounded by troops.

NEW YORK, June 4.—Fears were expressed today by the Christian and Missionary alliance, which has about a hundred missionaries in various parts of China, for the safety of several men and women known to be in the towns pillaged and burned by the Chinese brigand "White Wolf."

At the monastery of the Tibetan Lamas when "White Wolf's" followers set fire to it, was a missionary by the name of Kaufman, from Missouri. Miss Hauptberg of Boone, Ind.; Miss Kennor of Ohio, and J. P. Roman of Indiana, also were believed to have been at the monastery mission.

MONA LISA THIEF OF UNSOUND MIND

FLORENCE, Italy, June 4.—The trial of Vincenzo Perugia on the charge of stealing Da Vinci's masterpiece "Mona Lisa" from the Louvre in Paris, began here today. The disappearance of the picture on August 22, 1911, caused a sensation throughout the world and search for it was not successful until December 12, 1913, when Perugia offered it for sale to a Florentine antiquary.

Dr. Amaldi, a prominent alienist, said at today's hearing he made a careful observation of Perugia and was convinced he was only partially responsible for his actions. Perugia did not attempt to deny that he had taken "Mona Lisa" from the Louvre.

CUMMINS ATTACKS CANAL TOLLS REPEAL

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Senator Cummins attacked the Panama canal tolls exemption repeal in a long speech today, declaring he was amazed at the spectacle of "Americans giving to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty a more liberal interpretation than the British themselves claimed for it."

MARK DANIELS SUPERINTENDENT NATIONAL PARKS

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Secretary Lane today appointed Mark Daniels of San Francisco general superintendent of national parks.

Mark Daniels, appointed general superintendent of national parks, is a young civil and hydraulic engineer of this city, who was appointed landscape engineer of Yosemite National Park two months ago by Secretary Lane. He is now in Washington, and it was rumored that his visit there was the result of an offer of the position of assistant secretary of the interior, recently vacated by the appointment of Professor A. C. Miller from that berth to the federal reserve bank board.

Daniels, as a student of the University of California in the class of 1905, became a warm friend of Professor Miller, then his instructor in political economy.

Before establishing himself in business in this city, Daniels was assistant city engineer of Pocatello, Idaho. He has done considerable mining work in Plumas county, California, was chief engineer of the Monterey, Fresno & Eastern railway, and has established a considerable reputation as a town planner and sanitation expert.

REMIT PENALTIES ON INCOME TAXES

WASHINGTON, June 4.—The senate passed today a joint resolution remitting penalties imposed by the income tax for failure to make required returns by March 1 last, extended the legal period for making the returns until June 1, and provided for the remitting of fines already paid. It now goes to the house.

COUNCIL PLANS TO MAKE SUBURBAN SECTION DESERT

To the Editor: I read with deep interest what you had to say in your editorial concerning the action of the council in raising the water rates outside of the city.

I understand that some of those who have been entrusted with the affairs of the city by the sacred ballot of its citizens have made the statement, that if the action of the council the other night did not accomplish what was so much desired by them, that they would raise the rates three times higher, and compel those on the outside to come into the corporation.

Only those of us on the outside, who have struggled along with our little gardens, lawns and flower beds, under the old rates, realize what the action really means. It has been only by the practice of the most rigid economy in the use of water in the hot summer months that we have been able to get along with an expense little short of confiscatory. Those who reside in the city are allowed the unlimited use of water, on a lot of regulation size, for the flat rate of \$1.50 per month. This would seem to equalize, somewhat at least, the supposed inequality in the matter of taxation, and overcome, at least to some extent, objections of that nature.

FILIBUSTER KEEPS HOUSE DEBATING ANTI-TRUST BILL

WASHINGTON, June 4.—An effort to adjourn the house to permit members to attend the unveiling of the confederate monument in Arlington National cemetery today resulted in a semi-filibuster, which delayed consideration of the railroad securities bill, the last measure on the administration anti-trust program.

Efforts to settle the difficulty without parliamentary obstructive tactics failed and a roll call was forced. Representatives favoring adjournment declared their intention to force the house to quit. Threats of a filibuster had the effect of keeping the house in session and the debate on the bill continued.

Beginning detailed consideration of the Rayburn bill tomorrow, the house may finish the reading of the measure for amendment by Saturday. If the Rayburn bill can be hurried through tomorrow, the final vote on the three anti-trust measures will be taken on Saturday.

FILIPINO APPROVES HOME RULE BILL

WASHINGTON, June 4.—General approval of the Philippine home rule bill submitted to President Wilson yesterday by Chairman Jones of the house insular affairs committee was given today by Manuel L. Quezon, resident Philippine commissioner, who called on the president to discuss the subject. He said on leaving the white house that while the bill did not give all that the Filipinos wanted, he thought it was the best that could be obtained at present, and that it would receive his support. The president has not finished reading the bill, but is understood to approve it in general terms.

FIRST FUNERALS OF EMPRESS CREW HELD AT QUEBEC

QUEBEC, June 4.—Twelve of the crew of the steamship Empress of Ireland, who perished in the St. Lawrence river disaster, were buried here today with fitting ceremony. The funeral procession, moving to the music of military bands, passed between double rows of sorrowing spectators. Everywhere flags were at half mast.

Services were held in two churches—a Roman Catholic, where five of the bodies lay, and the Anglican cathedral, where there were seven of the dead.

The Duke of Connaught was officially represented by Captain Bullon, his aide de camp. Sir Francois Langelier, lieutenant governor; Sir Lomer Gouin, the premier, and members of the cabinet, attended in person. Mayor Drouin and the council followed the cortege, in the ranks of which were several Canadian Pacific railway officials.

INCREASING STRENGTH CHARACTERIZES MARKET

NEW YORK, June 4.—The market closed firm. Increasing strength characterized the dealings today after the hesitation caused by concerted attacks on special issues had worn off. Steel made a more definite response to the improved character of trade news, rising to 61 1/2. General buying slackened toward the end. Execution of the small amount of orders on hand at the opening of the stock market had little effect on prices. In most cases quotations were raised by small fractions, but there were a few spots. Lehigh Valley fell back 1 1/2 to 134 to 134, a new low figure for the movement. New Haven lost a point.

MASTER PLUMBERS OF CENTRAL WEST UNDER INDICTMENT

DES MOINES, Iowa, June 4.—Indictments were returned today against 36 officials and members of the National Association of Master Plumbers and officials of state organizations in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa by the federal grand jury. The indictments charge conspiracy in restraining trade in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

It is specifically alleged that the National Association of Master Plumbers has been operating in violation of law ever since its organization in 1884.

Those indicted include W. J. Hilliard, Elmhurst, Ill.; Frank U. Patterson, Springfield, Ill., and E. D. Hornbrook, directors of the National Association; Joseph Bixby, Omaha, National state vice-president; George E. Wentz, Lincoln, Neb., National state vice-president; J. B. Coningham, Omaha, secretary state association.

HUERTA GUNBOATS THREATEN BLOCKADE OF TAMPICO HARBOR

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Prospects of an attempted blockade of Tampico by Huerta gunboats took the position of chief interest in Mexican affairs here today and administration officials informed of the latest development only in news dispatches, declined to indicate their policy although they informed Rear Admirals Badger and Mayo of the situation.

It was considered significant, however, that at the state department immediately after Tampico fell into the hands of the constitutionalists it was announced that all Mexican gulf ports were considered "open" and that was interpreted as a clear intimation that no blockade would be recognized. The steamer Antilla bearing arms for Carranza, and which has aroused the present situation flies the Cuban flag. What the United States would do should Huerta gunboats attempt to interfere with her, officials declined to say or indicate.

INDIANA FORGER CAUGHT AT PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., June 4.—Malvern T. Hall was in the city jail here today awaiting the arrival of an officer from Gary, Indiana, to take him east to face a charge of forgery. Hall is alleged to have obtained \$20,000 by the forgery of real estate deeds. He was arrested yesterday on the United States dredge Chinook, where he was employed as an engineer.

DIVA'S DIVORCE SUIT ON TRIAL BEFORE A JURY

Schumann-Heink Appears in Court Asking Separation From William Rapp—Co-respondent Is Named—Motherly Traits of Singer Brought Out—Has Eight Children.

CHICAGO, June 4.—Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink, wearing a handsome black summer gown, waving a fan and making frequent use of smelling salts, entered Judge Sullivan's court today to state her case for divorce against William Rapp, Jr. In one corner of the room stood the defendant surrounded by friends and in another the singer with her friends. There was a large crowd of onlookers, mostly eager to see what a prima donna looked like off the stage.

It required most of the forenoon to fill the jury box. The singer accuses her husband of being unfaithful to his marriage vows.

Co-respondent Named Elias Mayer, attorney for the complainant, named Mrs. Catherine E. Dean of New York City as co-respondent.

Mme. Schumann-Heink, the first witness, gave her residence as 2672 Michigan avenue. Her domestic traits were remembered by the spectators with smiles when, in insisting that this was her real home, the witness said:

"When I am here, I live there and every day I help in tidying up and cleaning the place. I do washing, too."

She and Rapp separated three years ago.

Domestic Traits Brought Out Direct examination by Attorney Mayer ceased abruptly without any attempt to go into witness' life with Rapp or his alleged relations with Mrs. Dean.

The singer's eyes filled with tears in speaking of improving her house in New Jersey and she apologized for her limited command of English.

She has eight children, one adopted and seven by previous marriages. The oldest, she said, is 32 years of age.

Ben M. Smith, counsel for Rapp, directed his first queries to ascertain whether witness, who was born in Prague, Austria, 53 years ago, has a right to sue in this country. She said she had been singing in the United States for 15 years.

"Were you at home last Christmas?" she was asked. "At home last Christmas? Of course I was. I couldn't forget the most important things in my life," came the answer.

Mme. Schumann-Heink chuckled when Smith asked her if a Mr. McNamara visited her at her New Jersey home.

"No man came to live with me in New Jersey," she laughed. "He came to me to take singing lessons. We sang together on the stage."

Mayer explained that the singer referred to is Edward J. McNamara.

LASSEN'S CRATER DOUBLES IN SIZE; ASHES BLOWN OUT

RED BLUFF, Cal., June 4.—Enlargement in the crater on Mount Lassen was reported today by A. J. Rushing, forest supervisor, who returned from an inspection of the mountain.

Rushing states the orifice now measures 50 by 300 feet, with more steam than ever issuing from it. The crater has more than doubled in size in the last few days.

The steam is now smoky in color, due, it is believed, to the volcanic ash formation being mixed with it. Ash and cinders blown out of the fissure now covers the ground to a thickness of one foot for a distance of 500 feet.

Rushing accounts for the great quantity of steam by stating that the point of eruption is but a few feet from the edge of a frozen lake, and that the ice is gradually melting and pouring into the geyser. It is then emitted as steam.

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