

# C.W. MORSE AND HIS THREE SONS ARE INDICTED

## New York Shipbuilder and 10 Others Connected With Him Indicted for Conspiracy to Defraud the Government on Ship Deals.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The name of William G. McAdoe, former secretary of the treasury and of his law partner, Stuart G. Gibbons, are mentioned in the indictments as having conveyed the statement to the officials of the shipping board that the Virginia Shipbuilding corporation, one of the Morse companies, was in excellent financial condition. The indictments in this connection state, however, that the facts were misrepresented to Mr. McAdoe.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Indictments against Charles W. Morse, New York shipbuilder, his three sons, Benjamin, Harry and Erwin, Colin H. Livingstone of Washington, president of the Virginia Shipbuilding corporation and seven other persons were returned today by the federal grand jury which has been investigating the war time transactions of Morse and some of his associates with the shipping board.

Others named in the indictments as presented to the District of Columbia supreme court include:

R. O. White of New York, former president of the United States transport company; George M. Burdette, of New York; R. M. Much of Augusta, Maine; W. W. Scott, Washington attorney; L. A. Christie, Alexandria, Va.; Nehemiah Campbell of New York and Philip Rinehart of Baltimore, former government auditor at the Virginia shipbuilding plant.

Those indicted were or still are connected with the Groton Iron Works, Groton, Conn., the Virginia Shipbuilding corporation, Alexandria, Va., the United States corporation, which concerns are known as the Morse companies.

Two indictments were returned, one charging conspiracy to defraud the government and the other charging conspiracy to commit offenses against the government.

The conspiracy as charged by the government accuses those named of making false statements as to the value of their plant and assets and thereby obtaining loans from the shipping board. They are also charged with having secured money for shipbuilding purposes and having used the same for personal interests in the way of improving their plant. It is also alleged that large quantities of material for shipbuilding belonging to the emergency fleet corporation were secured and then sold and the money converted to the use of the alleged conspirators.

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# GATES TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT IN A FEW DAYS

## Medford Mayor to Decide Whether or Not He Will Run for Governor Wednesday or Thursday—Backing in Portland Reported Growing.

Mayor C. E. Gates, on his arrival home this morning from a several days absence in Portland looking after his political fences, said he would announce next Wednesday or Thursday whether or not he would become a candidate for nomination for governor on the republican ticket. It is probable that his decision will be made known at the banquet of the Jackson County Game Protective association at the Hotel Medford on Wednesday night.

"I would like to be able to make this announcement at that big gathering of southern Oregon sportsmen," said the mayor this forenoon. A meeting of my backers will be held in Portland on Wednesday afternoon, at which the decision will be reached, and if I decide to enter the race, a whirlwind campaign will be begun at once with the Gates political headquarters in Portland.

In this connection it is interesting to recall that the "Gates for governor" boom originated in Portland and is being fostered from that city. Beyond stating that his answer would be made known Wednesday or Thursday, the mayor had little to say about his own prospects or the gubernatorial situation generally.

A significant feature of the preliminary campaign is that the Portland Oregonian which for several weeks in its write up about the candidates for governor already announced or tentative, has avoided any reference to Mayor Gates candidacy, led off its political story Sunday by referring to that candidacy.

Within 48 hours "Pop" Gates, mayor of Medford, will decide whether to go into the gubernatorial race or stay out. Governor Olcott will announce himself "almost any time now," he confided last night. Seymour Jones informed a lobby group Friday night in Portland that he is still debating whether or not he will run. George H. Kelly said in Washington, D. C., he will decide what to do when he returns home. T. L. Patterson, at his Eola farm, has not issued his personal announcement of whether he will run or will not run.

So much for the unannounced prospective candidates. Meanwhile Louis E. Bean is working on his platform when he can find time to whip a plank into shape, and is busy making speeches. Charles Hall, having published his platform, is also making speeches on the trail of votes. J. D. Lee is working in Portland assiduously.

**Campaign Is Blossoming**  
Verily the gubernatorial campaign is blossoming out and there are whisperings of more announcements in a short time and combinations are darkly hinted, but what the combinations are or may be no one intimates.

Governor Olcott will be a candidate. He has been in no haste to make formal announcement, but it is understood that he has been preparing his platform and will be ready to make a public statement at an early date.

Having seen his boom banging fire for several months, Mayor Gates declared yesterday that he is going to settle the matter one way or another before he leaves for home. There is to be a big sportsmen's gathering in Medford Tuesday, and if "Pop" Gates is to be a candidate he wants to get whatever benefit may accrue from the meeting, for it will give the sportsmen a chance to get behind a favorite son.

**Mr. Bean on Trip**  
Of course if the mayor concludes to let the golden opportunity slip by, he will be just an interested spectator at the gathering. Speaker Bean, by the way, will not be far off when the Medford meeting is held. In fact, Mr. Bean is heading now for Grants Pass, Ashland and Medford and has speaking dates at those cities.

Mr. Jones discussed his possible candidacy freely while in Portland, but did not put himself in or out of the race. He, like Mr. Gates, is still in the suspense column, and may do one thing or the other.

Since Senator Patterson issued his statement through the press that he is the custodian of his own political affairs and will make his own announcement whether or not he runs, nothing has been heard from him. The senator was reported as debating the problem pro and con. Colonel Kelly is expected home from Washington this week. Friends said a couple of weeks ago that he would announce his candidacy on his return, but there have been and are so many angles in the present campaign that the colonel will look things over before saying anything.

**Debate Offer Declined**  
Since issuing a platform S. A. Lowell of Pendleton has done nothing. While in Pendleton Speaker Bean called on Judge Lowell and offered to accept the judge's proposal that all candidates hold a joint debate. That is, Mr. Bean offered to debate with the judge on the spot, but this offer was declined.

To date, the active campaigns are being carried on by Messrs. Hall and Bean, and each is constantly on the move and each intends keeping on the move until the eve of the primaries. Such is also the plan of Mr. Lee, but he does not intend to issue his platform or go on tour until later.

The prospect now is that Multnomah county will be the battle ground, for with the exception of Mr. Lee, all the candidates and probable ones are from up state.

## Churches to Support Disarmament Pacts

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The churches of the country fit a message today from the commission on international justice and good will of the world conference of the Christian churches in America, decided to give support to the treaties negotiated by the Washington conference as constituting the "first steps towards a warless world."

Church members were urged to form groups for study of the treaties with a view to supporting their early ratification and the churches were asked to hold popular meetings of rejoicing and celebration immediately if they are ratified.

## LEADS PACT FIGHT

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Pacific treaty to come from outside the foreign relations committee were made public by Senator Robinson, democrat, Arkansas with the announcement that he would formally present them at the first opportunity.

One of the two qualifications suggested by the Arkansas senator would provide that all powers claiming an "interest" in a controversy arising in the Pacific should be admitted by the signatory nations to the resulting "conference."

The second would declare that "the United States understands that each of the high contracting parties will refrain from entering into any secret treaty, agreement or understanding with any power or powers during the life of this treaty."

## GRAND JURY REPORT SPITE WORK

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We have taken up every phase of it, and have endeavored to the best of our ability to point out and bring into court every indictable person that they may have a hearing in open court, to the end that truth may prevail, and justice be done to all concerned.

In the case of Mr. C. M. Ruch we will say that the evidence upholds the statement that he did sign false reports with the other directors made to the bank examiner, but we believe that he did not know they were false, though he should have known that they were not false before signing.

The civil side of the failure of the Bank of Jacksonville is to be reported upon by the State Bank Examiner. Further remarks upon the criminal side than included in the foregoing, are withheld by the grand jury as it has brought indictments to cover all offenses that it believes were committed. And for the further reason that a number of these cases have not been brought to trial and any comments by this jury might have its effect on public opinion which would be unjust.

In this investigation, the grand jury has endeavored to know no man, give every man his due, whitewashing no one.

We concur in the belief of the county court that Prosecuting Attorney Moore should have good outside help in prosecuting the bank cases and the liquor cases.

The grand jury also believes that the county court did the right thing when they took vigorous and continuous action to suppress the vice and liquor ring.

The screens recommended for the jail have not been installed. This may appear of minor importance if it is not known that the jailor's life is constantly endangered under the present conditions which permit dangerous weapons to be thrown into the jail from both sides of it. The expense involved is from one hundred to two hundred dollars, the saving of which endangers the jailor's life and aids jail breaking.

The personal property taxes of 1920 have come in much better than heretofore, ten per cent more having been paid before becoming delinquent than usual. This is due to the new system inaugurated by Assessor Coleman.

The old long delinquent unsecured personal tax is coming in slowly, a very considerable sum having been collected. There will be considerable less here, through neglect for so many years. A number of the great offenders are not paying yet waiting, presumably, for a court decision as to their liability.

This jury has investigated complaints against the sheriff's conduct of his office in the apprehension of crime. Most of the complaints were general cases as distinguished from violations of the prohibition law. In this investigation the jury was seriously handicapped by the direction of the investigation being left entirely to the jury.

An appeal was made to the gov-

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ernor for assistance as allowed by law, but his decision was that he did not feel warranted in interfering unless the situation was critical enough to make it necessary to preserve peace, and as such was not the case he could not grant the request. He pointed out that there is remedy in the "recall."

This left the jury in a position of bringing an indictment of malfeasance in office against the sheriff or reporting in this form to the people of Jackson county. A legal opinion was given by the district attorney to the effect that the sheriff had exercised his discretion in proceeding against apparent lawbreakers, which discretion, while perhaps showing poor judgment did not constitute criminal acts, and was, therefore, impossible of successful prosecution for malfeasance.

This jury is, therefore, compelled in view of the opinion of the district attorney, and in that no help from the state is possible, to abandon its intention of having the sheriff defend his actions in court, but expresses its opinion to the people of Jackson county that the sheriff is far from doing his duty, if not deliberately allowing wrong doers to escape the consequences.

This jury has had, through differences of opinion or viewpoint, considerable difficulty in working harmoniously with the district attorney in some instances. While these difficulties were adjusted, the incident brought out the fact that a grand jury is too much at the mercy of a district attorney in case he should wish to obstruct the jury's efforts. To any who are interested, we recommend that the state laws be changed to give a grand jury entire control in any work it may wish to do by affording it such legal assistance as it desires.

As pointed out in the jury's report of June 2nd, 1921, there is no legal obligation upon the part of one county official to act in case he has knowledge of criminal irregularities upon the part of another county official. There should, in the opinion of this jury, be provisions made in the law making it mandatory upon any county official to report to the grand jury any irregularity by another county official that he may have knowledge of. Such provision should compel a grand jury to convene in special session to avoid delay in hearing such complaints.

We recommend that the bonds securing the funds in the clerk's and sheriff's accounts which were lost in the failure of the Bank of Jacksonville, be collected. This is a matter which lies within the hands of the county court.

The new jury room is a much needed improvement. The vault was also much needed.

We have not visited the county farm since last May on account of other pressing business.

We are obliged to leave much of the work of this term of court over to the next grand jury.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOHN W. ELDEN, Foreman.  
LLOYD CONING,  
P. C. BIGHAM,  
E. W. CARLTON,  
ALBERT C. JOY,  
EDWIN L. LANE,  
GEO. GILMAN.

Dated at Jacksonville, Oregon, this 25th day of February, 1922.

## PRINCESS SWAMPED WITH GIFTS

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Princess Mary's wedding gown, like those of her eight bridesmaids, will be of white silk ornamented with silver tissue. What form of headpiece the bridesmaids shall wear has been a subject of much consideration. At former royal weddings, the bridesmaids have worn veils. It has been suggested that those of the Princess wear wreaths of flowers or bands of silver tissue.

Princess Mary will wear the wedding veil worn successfully by Queen Victoria, Queen Alexandra and her mother, Queen Mary.

The bride has had a wonderful cloak prepared for the wedding day for wear as she drives to and from the Abbey. It is of pure white fur and a modeled upon a similar garment worn by Lady Patricia Ramsay three years ago.

Surmise as to the bridal train was ended by the announcement that a bit of "the most beautiful cloth ever woven in England" had been delivered to the Princess' dressmakers for use in fashioning this part of her gown. The surface is of satin smoothness over a web of finest silver to which a backing of silk has been given that covers any slight roughness that the silver threads might offer to the touch.

This made a soft and pliant fabric that has a wonderful shimmer like that of clear, running water under the light. The silver threads were spun in London and the finest of China silk was used.

During the weaving of this triumph of the craft, a screen of white cotton was erected about the loom to keep all dust away. The weaver is one of the few craftsmen who have mastered the intricate art of weaving a three-pile velvet.

The famous Clanciarde jewels have passed into the possession of Princess Mary, but it is unlikely that she will be able to wear any of them on the day of her wedding as they have not been worn since the early days of Queen Victoria's reign and are, therefore, now hopelessly old-fashioned. The whole collection needs resetting in order to bring them into accordance with modern taste.

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The bride has accepted a pair of Norwich-made shoes made by exclusive men. They are of fine cloth-of-silver brocade, with a true Louis XIV heel, English hand-buffed leather soles and white kid lining. The buckle consists of a trefail pattern looped bow of fine seed pearls on a wisp of silver tissue.

From the Worshipful Company of Glovers, Princess Mary has received a "trousseau" of gloves—plush, full-length white kid gloves for the wedding and an assortment of walking, riding, driving and hunting gloves of the finest skins and made with the greatest of care.

Twenty-five London shops have received patronage from the bride in the completion of her wedding wardrobe. They embrace makers of afternoon dresses, evening dresses, coats, dresses, evening coats, jumpers, handkerchiefs, shoes, hats and lingerie. In addition, homespun, for traveling suits, and lace and embroideries for lingerie, have been obtained from Scotland and Ireland.

Although a daughter of Great Britain's sovereign, Princess Mary promises to "obey" her husband, the wedding service following the Church of England prayer book order but the "revised exhortation" will be used. This has received the sanction of church authorities. Its wording, in some particulars is regarded as in better style than the old version.

Abbey authorities are finding themselves in the curious position of having no precedent for the forthcoming ceremonial. The last marriage of a child of a reigning monarch in this abbey, that of Edmund Crouchback, second son of Henry the Third, to Aveline of Lancaster, took place 633

years ago. The customs of that time are deemed inappropriate for today.

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