

SIX NAMED AS DEFENDANTS

VICTIM FILES CHARGES AGAINST TIMBER LAND OPERATORS.

BOUGHT FORGED CERTIFICATES

Wealthy La Crosse Lumberman Invests Money in Oregon Property and Is Swindled.

Accused Men Are S. A. D. Puter, H. H. Diggs, George Hibbard, Kay McKay, John Doe and Richard Roe—Action of West's Report.

LA CROSSE, Dec. 9.—In an effort to prosecute the timber land operators, whom he claims have swindled him out of Oregon lands to the value of \$100,000, Hiram Goddard, a wealthy lumberman of this city, today swore out a warrant for the arrest of six men. Those named in the warrant are S. A. D. Puter, convicted for conspiracy to defraud the government at the time the land fraud cases in the "seven-eleven" district of Oregon were tried; H. H. Diggs, George Hibbard, Kay McKay, John Doe and Richard Roe.

Believes Hibbard Innocent. Portland, Dec. 9.—George Hibbard of Grand Rapids, Mich., was arrested here last evening at the request of the La Crosse, Wis., authorities. An investigation by State Land Agent West has convinced him that Hibbard has been unjustly accused, inquiry leading him to the belief that Hibbard was used as a cat's-paw by Horace G. McKinley, S. A. D. Puter, Kay McKay and others to interest eastern investors in Oregon lands. At the suggestion of West, the Wisconsin authorities consented to the release of Hibbard on his own recognizance.

It appears that Kay McKay is Hibbard's uncle, and that through him he became interested in land speculations

DISCUSS RATE LEGISLATION

MEMBERS OF SENATE INDULGE IN SPIRITED DEBATE.

THE SESSION LASTS FOUR HOURS

Committee Assignments by Speaker Cannon Causes Confusion in Lower Branch.

Minority Leader Williams and Representative Lamar of Florida Have a Lively Tilt Before House Adjourns—Oregon and Washington Men Named.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—With spirited debates on the subjects of railroad rate legislation arising through the introduction of a bill by Tillman to authorize the interstate commerce commission to fix the maximum rates, and the Panama canal, due to the controversy over the reference of the emergency appropriation bill to a committee, today's session of the senate continuously proved interesting for more than four hours.

ONTARIO WINTER FAIR. QUELPH, Ont., Dec. 11.—The twenty-second annual exhibition of the Ontario provincial winter fair opened today and will continue until the end of the week. The exhibits are more numerous than at former exhibitions and are pronounced by experts to be of the highest class. The livestock, swine, poultry and dairy departments are well filled. The railroads have granted reduced rates and a large attendance of visitors during the week are expected.

KELLY VS. YOUNG MAHONEY. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 11.—The Indianapolis Athletic club has arranged a promising card for its initial boxing show of the season tonight. The main event will bring together in a 10-round bout "Young Mahoney" of Milwaukee and Hugo Kelley, who has a decision over Philadelphia Jack O'Brien to his credit. Kelley and Mahoney fought a rattling round draw in Milwaukee some time ago.

CAPTURED GUNBOAT IN TRIM. PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 11.—The captured Spanish gunboat Don Juan de Austria was placed in commission at the Portsmouth navy yard with Commander William Braumersrouther in command. The vessel will take the place of a ship of Rear Admiral Bradford's fleet of Santo Domingo.

It was here that Williams strode forward from his seat in the rear. He hailed the speaker with word and gesture and when he got his eye he reserved his right to object only long enough to make this statement: "In the interest of democratic harmony, fairness and of general good will, which cannot be promoted by washing Democratic linen for the amusement of the Republicans of the house, I object."

Immediately the question became interesting. Lamar faced Williams, who stood close to him and charged him with taking the matter into the newspapers. Shackelford was on his feet vainly demanding to ask a question and many Democrats applauded the stand taken by Williams.

Lamar demanded that Williams call a Democratic caucus tomorrow or allow him to proceed. Speaker Cannon wielded his gavel vigorously and declared everybody out of order and in the midst of the confusion recognized Payne for a movement to adjourn, which was declared carried and the session was over until Wednesday.

Committee Assignments. Washington, Dec. 11.—Among the appointees to the various committees announced today by Speaker Cannon are: Merchant marine and fisheries, Humphrey, of Washington; elections No. 3, Humphrey, Washington; rivers and harbors, Jones and Humphrey, Washington; Indian affairs, Hermann, Oregon; mines and mining, Williamson, Oregon; education, Humphrey, Washington; private land claims, Cushman, Washington; election of president, Hermann, Oregon; irrigation of arid lands, Williamson, Oregon.

REFUGEES AT NEW YORK. Five Hundred Russians Arrive at Metropolitan and Tell Graphic Stories of Massacres.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Five hundred Russian refugees, many of them witnesses to the massacres in Odessa and other places, arrived here today. Some tell graphic stories of their experiences and while recounting them the men often broke into tears. The riots began at the issuance of the manifesto, they say. They assert the hoodlums were led by disguised police. In some places the jails were emptied of prisoners, who attacked and stole from the Jews. The men from the province of Kovovo assert that the police themselves read into the emperor's manifesto an order to kill all Jews. According to the refugees, the mobs carried knives, stone slabs, iron bars, revolvers and clubs. Small children were thrown alive from third story windows. Older children and grown-ups were butchered first and then thrown into the streets.

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MANY DIVORCES

NEWPORT BECOMING A FASHIONABLE DIVORCE COLONY.—MANY CASES.

Among Wealthy Society People Seeking Legal Separation are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Armit and Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Stearns.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 11.—The term of the Rhode Island superior court now in session in this city is notable for the presence of a large number of the wealthy or socially prominent persons who are seeking divorces. The romance of Mrs. Robert Loes Armit, formerly Evelyn Brainiere Adams, the daughter of "Al" Adams, the millionaire policy gambler, who recently left Sing Sing, is expected to end here this week, when she will receive a final decree of divorce. Her husband was a former mine owner in Guanajuato, Mexico. She left him in Newport after a year of wedded life in Mexico, after her husband had told her she must choose between himself and her father. Mrs. Armit and her sister, Miss Ida Adams, came to Newport and rented an expensive cottage to establish a legal residence of one year which would enable her to file her suit for divorce. Non-support and desertion are the charges, and Mrs. Armit asks for a final decree.

Waldo H. Stearns and his wife, who was Miss Ionia Chesbro, a sister of the former wife of Roland B. Molineux, are to settle their marital troubles at the present term of court after a number of threats to bring suits and withdrawals and reconciliations. Mr. Stearns is wealthy and he and his wife have divided their time between the fashionable summer colonies and expensive apartment hotels in New York city. They lately lived at a fine villa in Jamestown, just opposite this city, and entertained on a large scale. Mr. Stearns still lives there. The present suit is based on a charge of desertion.

Another notable case up for decision is that of Mrs. Pauline Onastaria Townsend, who, after a long estrangement, seeks a final decree from her husband, John R. Townsend, the well known clubman, a nephew of Edward N. Taylor and a cousin of T. Saffron Taylor and Mrs. Robert R. Livingston. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend were married thirteen years ago, but separated soon after their honeymoon. Mrs. Townsend did not seek a divorce for many years, but now asks for a final decree on the grounds of intemperance and non-support and asks for the custody of her 12-year-old son.

A QUEER WILL

BY TERMS OF WILL OF VERMONT MAN HEIRS LOSE MONEY IF THEY SWEAR.

Executor Will Have Unenviable Task in Seeing That Wishes of Eccentric Man Are Carried Out—Estate Valued at \$10,000.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 11.—One of the oddest wills that ever came before the courts in this state is that of Harmon J. Rood, which was offered for probate here today. Rood, who was a resident of Brookfield, Vt., died last May at Muskogee, I. T. Miss Gertrude Lavelle of Denver, adopted daughter of the deceased, knowing nothing of any will and believing she was entitled to the estate, took charge of it. Subsequently two wills were discovered in an old dictionary, and she relinquished the property.

The estate is valued at \$10,000. By the terms of the latest will Rood leaves \$250 each to Sarah Rugg of Salem, Wills, Mass., and Nellie Gleason of Gloucester, Mass., provided they first save \$250 of their own. Two nephews are given \$500 each, but they also must save and lay aside a like amount before the terms of the will are carried out. He especially makes the condition that if either of his nieces and nephews use coffee they will lose \$250.

If they use liquor or tobacco they will lose \$300 each, and if they so forget themselves as to become addicted to profanity they forfeit the entire amount. In this case the money reverts to the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, which organization is to receive whatever amount remains after the provisions of the will are carried out. The executor of the will is named as executor, and lawyers are of the opinion that he will have an unenviable task in seeing that the wishes of the eccentric Vermonter are observed.

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SULTAN HAS YIELDED.

Such Is News Sent Out by Constantinople Correspondent to London Paper.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—A correspondent to the Daily News from Constantinople cables: "The sultan has yielded. He has accepted the scheme for the financial control of Macedonia as embodied in the last collective note of the powers."

Constantinople, Dec. 11.—The reply of the porte to the collective note regarding Macedonia presented by the powers on December 8 was communicated to the Austro-Hungarian ambassador this afternoon.

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ACTION BRINGS RYAN TO TIME

THREAT OF INSURANCE COMMITTEE HAS DESIRED EFFECT.

READY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

Equitable Stockholder Willing to Divulge Harriman Conversation With Reference to Company Control.

Financier Realizes Change of Mind When Armstrong Committee Takes Steps to Institute Proceedings to Have Him Punished.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The insurance investigating committee appeared tonight to have succeeded in its attempt to make Thomas F. Ryan divulge what E. H. Harriman said or threatened to do to influence him to divide the control of the Equitable Life Assurance Society. District Attorney Jerome, who was asked by the committee to take steps to punish Ryan for refusing to answer the questions about Harriman, reported to the committee today that he had informed Ryan's counsel that Ryan ought to answer. Jerome also wrote the committee that he believes Ryan will answer if brought before the committee again. Hughes declined to say when Ryan would be recalled, but presumed he would take the witness stand tomorrow or the following day. Subsequently Guthrie, Cravath and Henderson, counsel for Ryan, gave out the statement that they have advised Ryan he should answer the questions and that he is prepared to do whenever he is recalled by the investigating committee.

The committee was engaged for a part of the time today in inquiring into the affairs of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society of New York. Hughes, counsel for the committee, had brought out by questioning President Scott of the company that when Frank F. Hadley of New Bedford, Mass., secured control of the company in 1896, he borrowed \$162,000 from the company on his collateral notes to pay up for stock of the insurance company. Scott testified that Hadley never repaid the loans and the insurance company realized only \$30,000 on the sale of his collateral.

Scott testified that his four sons and a nephew were employed by the company of which he is president. Hughes read from the statement of legal expenses of the Provident Life a list of five payments made to Andrew Hamilton, the legislative agent of the New York Life. The witness said Hamilton visited the insurance departments of Illinois and Kansas and possibly some other states to secure permission for the Provident Life to issue a policy on the first of the year on which no reserve be required. The company got the permission. Hamilton, the witness said, also acted as counsel for the company in a test case in which the company resisted the contention of the state insurance department of New York that the law imposing a tax on premiums was retroactive. The company won the case.

FOUR NEW CARDINALS. South America Given Her First Member of Sacred College in History of the Church.

ROME, Dec. 11.—At today's consistory South America was given her first member of the sacred college in the history of the church. The South American prelate honored with the red hat is Mgr. Joachim Azevedo de Albuquerque Cavalcanti, archbishop Rio Janeiro. The other cardinals named were three in number, as follows: Mgr. Cagiano de Azevedo, major domo of the Vatican; Archbishop Samana, of Flau, Hungary; and Archbishop Spinola of Seville. The patriarch of Venice, it is understood, has been named cardinal in pectore, that is to say, his nomination will not be published until a later date.

PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY. PITTSBURG, Dec. 11.—The professional hockey season which is scheduled to open tonight promises to be one of the most successful since the sport was first introduced in America. The cities embraced in the league are the Canadian Soo, American Soo, Calumet, Houghton and Pittsburgh. The schedule provides for twenty-four games for each team. Both the American and Canadian teams are stronger this season than last, and the enthusiasts expect to see a high grade of sport.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE. SUNBURY, Pa., Dec. 11.—Many delegates are arriving for the thirty-third annual session of the Pennsylvania State Grange, which will be called to order in the armory here tomorrow morning. The importance of the subject selected for discussion, combined with the large and representative attendance, gives promise of one of the most notable meetings in the history of the state organization.

BIG STEEL PLANT RESUMES. PITTSBURG, Dec. 11.—Operations were resumed today at the Monongahela plant of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation. The plant has been idle for several months and the resumption affords employment to a large number of men.

CHICAGO STORE PEOPLES BARGAIN HOUSE. Powerful Display OF Christmas Goods. Now on exhibition. Priced away down to insure quick sales. We have been preparing for our great Xmas trade for the past six months, and have left no stone unturned in securing the grandest assortment of new, up-to-date goods that was ever shown in Salem. Everything sparkles with newness and priced so low that the humblest person can secure a grand assortment for little money. We advise Christmas trading this week, as next week we will be crowded all the time. The following departments are ready for Christmas trading: FINE SILKS, LADIES' COATS, LADIES' SUITS, FINE FURS, SILK WAISTS, SILK PETTICOATS, WOOL WAISTS, MERCERIZED PETTICOATS, MILLINERY, CHILDREN'S CAPS, KIMONAS, DRESSING SAQUES, WRAPPERS, WAISTINGS, BLANKETS, MEN'S CLOTHING, MEN'S HATS, MEN'S SHOES, MEN'S UNDERWEAR, MEN'S NECKTIES, MEN'S GLOVES, MEN'S SILK HDKFS., MEN'S LINEN HDKFS., MEN'S SLIPPERS, LADIES' SHOES, CHILDREN'S SHOES, LADIES' SLIPPERS, LADIES' SILK HDKFS., LADIES' LINEN HDKFS., SILK MUFFLERS, WOOL GLOVES, COMFORTS, KID GLOVES, UMBRELLAS, JEWELRY, LADIES' HAND BAGS, LADIES' BELTS, TOYS OF ALL KINDS, TABLE LINENS, FINE TOWELS, LINEN NAPKINS, RIBBONS, FINE LACES, LADIES' FANCY COLLARS, LADIES' UNDERWEAR, LADIES' FINE HOSE, CHILDREN'S HOSE, LADIES' HOSE SUPPORTERS, FANCY HAIR COMBS. Salem's Greatest Growing Store. McEVOY BROS. Corner Commercial and Court Streets, Salem

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS. SUIT OVERCOAT, HAT, UNDERWEAR, NECKWEAR, BLANKETS, SUIT CASE, HOUSE COAT, SUSPENDERS, MUFFLER, UMBRELLA, HOSE, SHIRTS, GRIPS. Christmas Bells will soon be ringing and the old problems of "What shall I give him for Christmas," will once more confront you. We have made a few suggestions above and should you fail to find a suitable item on the list, we would be pleased to have you call and we'll do all in our power to assist you. A good rule to follow when selecting gifts for a Man is to buy what he would be apt to buy for himself. All our prices are moderate, and we are always at your service. SALEM WOOLEN MILL STORE