

TURNED STATES EVIDENCE

Packers Claim Immunity Because all of Them Were State Witnesses

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Krauthoff was recalled to the stand this morning, and gave further testimony regarding the alleged immunity promised by Garfield to the packers. A number of questions were asked as to the witness' advice to his clients on the questions of giving information the commissioner sought. Charles G. Dawes, former comptroller, was called as a witness to testify as to the conference at the Chicago club, when, it is declared, immunity was promised. Dawes said: "Garfield assured the packers they need have nothing to fear, that all disclosures would be held as confidential. He repeatedly assured them his action in the case would be guided by a desire to convince them that nothing his department procured from them would be used for their injury. He told them he believed the result of the investigation would be beneficial, instead of injurious." Other witnesses for the packers gave like testimony.

Not a Musical Note.

Berlin, Jan. 30.—Mendelssohn, the German financier, has been sentenced to death by the revolutionary party, because he negotiated loans for the Russian government. He has hired a bodyguard.

Freed Political Prisoners.

Riga, Russia, Jan. 30.—A mob broke into the jail here today and released many political prisoners.

RATE BILL IS UP

Townsend Opened the Debate and Warned Corporations to Stop Opposition

Washington, Jan. 30.—The rate debate began early in the house today, which sat as a committee of the whole. Townsend opened the debate declaring the opposition endeavored to discredit the administration in various matters, to detract attention from this question. He spoke of "a lobby rich and powerful," of "unwarranted interference with the people's rights," of dictation and domination of the elections of legislators by corporations, and warned the corporations that further blocking of railroad regulation legislation would bring down upon them "the wrath of an indignant people." He declared the bill presented now is the least the people will accept. He said that the committee believes the bill effects a complete remedy for the evils. Townsend was followed by Adamson, of Georgia, in charge of the debate for the Democrats.

HEPBURN RATE BILL

Washington, Jan. 30.—The most important section of the Hepburn rate bill, the consideration of which began in the house today, is section four, which confers powers on the interstate commerce commission, to establish a just and remunerative maximum rate. Power to initiate rates is not given.

MONTANA TRAIN WRECK

Spokane, Jan. 30.—In a head-on collision a mile west of Columbia Falls, Mont., last night between the Great Northern Limited No. 1, westbound, and passenger train No. 2, eastbound, four were killed, including the fireman on each train. Conductor Quinn, two others of the crew, and five passengers were badly injured. It is reported that fire broke out in the wreckage. The accident was caused by No. 2 failing to obey orders to take a siding. Both engines were demolished. All wires are down as a result of the collision.

The dead are: Firemen Harrison and Findley and Express Messenger Wriebacker. The injured are: Mail Clerks Reynolds and Arnold, Conductor Quinn and Engineer Brady.

Grover Makes a Talk.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 30.—Grover Cleveland, who is here to address the medical society, spoke to the joint assembly of the legislature this afternoon.

FRILLS AND FLOUNCES

New York, Jan. 30.—Miss Roosevelt spent a busy day with her dressmaker putting the finishing touches to her trousseau. She goes with Longworth this afternoon to meet the congressman's sister, the Countess De Chamberlain, who is coming to the wedding.

North Dakota Hardwaremen Meet.

Grand Forks, N. D., Jan. 30.—The ninth annual convention of the North Dakota Retail Hardware Association opened here this morning. The convention was called to order at 10 o'clock, and Mayor George F. Duis delivered a welcoming address, to which President H. P. Emery responded on behalf of the association. Addresses were also delivered by Governor E. Y. Sarsles and Alex. W. Crozier, the representative of the National School of Salesmanship, Minneapolis.

Cleveland to Address the Doctors.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 30.—The New York Medical Society, which is celebrating its centennial jubilee, will hold its annual meeting here tonight. Ex-President Cleveland will deliver the principal address at the meeting.

Transports May Carry Freight.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Taft proposes that congress authorize action against the Pacific Mail Steamship Company for its deliberate refusal to handle freight on the isthmus, thereby causing a congestion of which Stevens complained in his report and before the senate committee. Taft says, if authorized to do so, he can use the transports to carry freight between San Francisco and Panama. He says such a course might have a good effect on transcontinental rates. Senator Morgan suggests that congress modify the coastwise laws, and make it possible for other companies to enter the trade.

Train Wreck in South Carolina.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 30.—The general offices of the Seaboard Air Line report a collision this morning near Columbia, S. C., in which four trainmen were killed outright and others badly hurt. It is later reported that two others were killed.

Apostrophe to the Oregon Frog.

Philmath Review. The frogs have begun to sing. What more welcome sound to the heart and soul of an Oregonian than the tuneful melody of the little nocturnal, aquatic, webfoot troubadour? The meadow lark for the fields and the robin for the back yard, but for energetic, whole-souled crescendo, for care-dispelling, debt-forgetting enjoyment, give us the frog.

Shot Two British Sailors.

Reval, Russia, Jan. 30.—Two British seamen, unable to understand the language of the soldiers ordering them to halt, were shot to death from behind today, as they landed in this city today from their ship.

INDIANS TO GET BODIES

Victoria, Jan. 30.—The steamer Salvor left Bamfield last night with Bunker on board for Victoria and expected to arrive today. Lineman Logan is going to get a crew of Cloo Ose Indians to make an attempt to land at the wreck. They know the coast thoroughly, and if it is possible they will get ashore and pick up the bodies.

Victoria, Jan. 30.—The Salvor has not arrived yet. The weather is thick and it is believed she is fog-bound outside. The tug Loran is just getting away to the scene of the wreck with coffins for the dead, undertakers and three policemen.

FREDERICK IS KING

Copenhagen, Denmark, Jan. 30.—Prince Frederick was proclaimed king of Denmark this afternoon. He assumed the title of Frederick VIII.

Chicago Markets. Chicago, Jan. 30.—Wheat, 85¢@85½¢; corn, 44¼¢@44½¢; oats, 30¼¢@30½¢.

Will Honor Robert Burns.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 30.—The Caledonian Club of this city has engaged Mechanics' Hall, on Huntington avenue, for this evening, and will hold its annual celebration in honor of Robert Burns' birthday. It promises to be one of the largest gatherings of Scotch-Americans of this city and vicinity ever held. Chieftain George Scott, of the club, will preside, and Governor Guild and Mayor Fitzgerald will be present and among the speakers. There will also be an interesting musical program, and the celebration will end with a dance.

SHOT AT THE DONS

Melilla, Sicily, Jan. 30.—News is received here that the Moors fired on the Spanish cruiser Infanta Isabella, causing some damage to the vessel. A gunboat has gone to investigate.

The Only Use for Revolvers.

North Yakima, Wash., Jan. 30.—Roy Peterson, a 3-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Peterson, of the Moxee, was seriously shot Monday by his little brother, Bissel, aged 5 years. The two children were playing, when the 3-year-old boy picked up a revolver and pointed it at his brother, saying: "I'm going to shoot you," and pulled the trigger.

The revolver was discharged, and the ball entered the little child's back, just below the shoulder, taking a downward course and entering the intestines. The child was brought to this place Monday afternoon, and is now under the care of a physician. He is in a serious condition, though the physician thinks he may recover.

The parents of the child were out of the room at the time the shooting occurred. Bissel had never handled a revolver before, and he did not know the danger there was to it.

Chunks of Gold Dug Up.

Canyon City, Jan. 30.—Workmen excavating for an addition to the Elkhorn Hotel, owned and run by Sam Bauer, have dug up a chunk of ore bearing a great deal of free gold. The specimen is twice the size of an egg, and represents a good deal of value. It was in the gravel, and had evidently drifted down from the mountains above town at a recent date.

What's in a Name?

Denver, Jan. 30.—The American stock growers of the National Livestock Association amalgamated unanimously today under the name of the American Livestock Association. Murdo Mackenzie is president.

Funeral Expenses Paid.

Washington, Jan. 30.—The senate unanimously ordered paid the funeral expenses of the late Senator Mitchell.

RAILWAY MEN MAY STRIKE

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 30.—E. E. Clark, chief of the Order of Railway Conductors, is here trying to avert a threatened strike on the Great Northern and Union Pacific. Negotiations have been broken off. The question in dispute is wages. Hill has ordered his officials to refuse to increase them. Four thousand men are affected.

Ex-Governor Sadler, of Nevada.

Reinhold Sadler, for several years governor of Nevada, died at his home in Ely, Nye county, Nevada, Monday. He had been sick several weeks.

CANNOT ACCEPT PASSES

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 30.—The governor has ordered that all employees under his control shall not accept railroad passes.

Alabama Horticulturists Meet.

Thorsby, Ala., Jan. 30.—The third annual meeting of the Alabama State Horticultural society opened here today, with a large attendance, representing every part of the state. In connection with the meeting a remarkably interesting exhibition of fruit, vegetables and flowers is held, which is attracting great attention.

Anti-Cigarette Bill.

Columbus, O., Jan. 30.—The house this afternoon passed the anti-cigarette bill.

MURDERED TWO MINERS

San Francisco, Jan. 30.—The steamer Curacao, which arrived today, brings the news of the murder of two rich American mine owners by their Mexican guides, near Escondido. The miners were shot from behind. The guides have disappeared.

Cheaper Telephone Rates.

New York, Jan. 30.—The New York Telephone Company has announced that, beginning with June 1st of this year, there would be a reduction in the local pay station rate from ten cents to five cents. The arrangement will become effective in all the boroughs at the same time. The only reservation from that date will be in some of the hotels and apartment houses, where special facilities and help are furnished by the hotel proprietors, the rate remaining at ten cents, as now.

WRECK AT GRANT'S PASS

Grant's Pass, Jan. 30.—Fireman Barger was killed and Engineer Crocker hurt tonight in a rear end collision between the north-bound Southern Pacific passenger train and a freight. While heading in on a siding a drawhead pulled out of the freight, leaving a portion of the train on the main track. The flagman was unable to warn the passenger in sufficient time and the engines clashed into the cabooses. The cabooses were demolished and two freight cars were thrown from the track, one of the latter being loaded with dynamite.

Both engines on the passenger train were badly damaged and the mail car climbed on the tender ahead. The passengers were unhurt, but badly shaken up and traffic was delayed several hours.

Body Shipped Home.

The body of Perry T. Bailey, who died at the asylum January 27th, at 4 p. m., was shipped from Clough's undertaking parlors this morning to Washington county for burial.

MAKES SERIOUS CHARGES

Valencia Was Poorly Officered and Her Life Preservers Would Sink

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 30.—Newspaper comment and the criticisms of the rescued passengers and members of the crew from the wrecked Pacific Coast steamship Valencia agree that there was gross negligence in connection with the disaster and attempted rescue. It is conceded that Captain Johnson, running in a thick fog by dead reckoning, in the treacherous Japanese current that all navigators know upsets every calculation at times, mistook his position. He thought he was off Umatilla reef when he struck on the coast of Vancouver Island.

Passengers and crew disagree about Johnson's actions thereafter, but they all agree he carried a revolver. Some say he threatened immediately to commit suicide, others that he used the gun to bring back a semblance of order. But there is no difference of opinion in the statement that Johnson sent off at least two lifeboats shortly after midnight in a sea that dashed them to pieces.

It may be that an excited passenger cut the falls and spilled the first boat, but both passengers and crew declare that, had Johnson waited until daybreak, the boats might have been landed safely, or at least a high percentage of saved lives recorded. That the lifeboats put off improperly manned; that the crew itself was not drilled; that the life preservers were filled with rushes instead of cork; that the Pacific Coast boat Queen ignored cries for help and put off to sea; that the tugs Salvor and Cesar did not attempt a rescue; that the passengers and members of the crew who reached the shore made no effort to take lifelines—these are all well substantiated charges.

It is conceded now along the water front that the Pacific Coast steamers are manned by longshoremen without experience at sea; that drills in handling the boats are rare. It is recalled, without contradiction that Johnson was not an old man on the San Francisco run, and it is not disputed that, had the company been less stringent in demanding quick runs, the master might have felt safe in standing off the Straits until daybreak before attempting to come in.

Sensational charges of lack of discipline aboard the Valencia and of poor lifesaving equipment have been made by Professor Frank F. Bunker, one of the survivors of the wrecked steamer, who lost his wife and two children in the terrible disaster off Cape Beale. The charges include the statement that there was no discipline aboard the Valencia among the officers and crew; that the lifeboats were not properly equipped, and that the life preservers were made of rushes, which would not float, and not of cork.

"Professor Bunker charges directly that Captain Johnson was negligent in the manner of handling his boat; that boats loaded with passengers were sent into the water without proper crews; that no discipline prevailed; that the wooden pins of the corklocks would not fit; that rush instead of cork life preservers were used; that the relief crew sent off by the Valencia made no attempt to send relief, and that the Pacific Coast Company relief boats made no attempt to rescue passengers and members of the crew, floating in the water.

Pacific Coast officials criticised Professor Bunker's statements, particularly insisting that the life preservers were of government standard. Today Professor Bunker telegraphed this answer:

"Read life belts, such as were in use on the Valencia, are buoyant for a short time only. The rushes absorb water, and they sink. The day after the wreck I threw life belt into the water and they sank. Captains of several vessels, whom I have interviewed, agreed that such belts were of no value.

Some of the Valencia belts were filled with pulverized cork from the stoppers of whisky bottles. This is worse than rushes.

"Captains of vessels I have seen say that the only valuable belts are made of sheets of cork.

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CHICAGO STORE

The Busy Store

Offers wonderful bargains this great sale. The enormous increase in our business the past year widens the scope of this remarkable sale and nearly doubles your buying opportunities. Read below and see a few examples of the savings offered. It is hard to find words forceful enough to impress upon economical buyers the importance of a visit to our store. Read on:

DRESS GOODS.	DOMESTICS.
35c Fancy Scotch Plaid Dress Goods, yd.12½c	1000 yds. Fancy Calicoes, yd.4c
65c Fine Colored Cashmeres, yd 39c	1000 yds. 8 1/3 Outing Flannel, yd5c
50c Fancy Dress Goods, yd.29c	500 yds. 12½c Wrapper Flannel, yd.8 1/3c
\$1.55 Broadcloth, 56 in. wide, yd.75c	Best 8 1/3c Apron Gingham, yd 5c
60c Fancy Rain Proof Dress Goods, yd.39c	Special prices on Sheetting, pillow casing, sheets, pillow cases, white bed spreads and towels.
\$1.35 All Wool French Serge, yd 95c	12½c Fancy Lace Scrim, yd 8 1/3c
\$2 English Rain Proof Cloth, yd.\$1.45	\$1.25 White Bed Spreads, special
65c Black Wool Dress Goods, yd 39c	79c
55c White Cashmere, yd.39c	Muslins, yd 5c, 6¼c, 7½c and 8 1/3c
60c All Wool Albatross, all colors, yd.45c	8 1/3c Heavy Crash Toweling, yd 5c
75c Silk Finished Black Velvet, yd.49c	39c Bleached Table Linen, yd. 25c
	Better ones at small prices.
WAISTINGS AND DRESS SILKS.	LADIES' COATS AND SUITS.
30c Soft India Silk, all colors, yd.23c	\$5.50 Rain Coats, price.....\$4.50
75c Black Taffeta Silk, yd.45c	\$15.00 Rain Coats, price.....\$8.50
75c Colored Taffeta Silk, yd.45c	\$20 Rain Coats, price.....\$10.90
Remnants \$1 Dress Silks, yd.49c	Ladies' Suits.....
\$1.35 Black Rustle Taffeta Silk, 36 in. wide, yd.95c	\$6.90, \$8.50, \$10.50 and \$12.50
\$1.35 Black Peau de Soie, yd 85c	\$12 Silk Petticoats, price.....\$6.90
\$1.39 Colored Peau de Soie Silk, yd.95c	Silk Waists ..\$2.50, \$3.50 and \$4.50
\$1.35 Colored Merie Silk85c	
95c Colored Louisiana Silk, yd. 65c	
WAISTINGS.	NEW MILLINERY.
15c Fancy Persian Waistings, yd.12½c	Beautiful New Hats at small prices.
20c Swan's Down Flannel, yd 12½c	\$5 New Hats, special\$2.95
50c French Flannel, yd.49c	Flowers, Feathers and Trimmings now on sale; Violets, 5c bunch.
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MEN'S 50c WINTER UNDERWEAR.....25c	200 DOZ. CHILDREN'S 20c FAST BLACK COTTON STOCKINGS, ALL SIZES, SPECIAL FOR THIS SALE ONLY, A PAIR.....10c

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