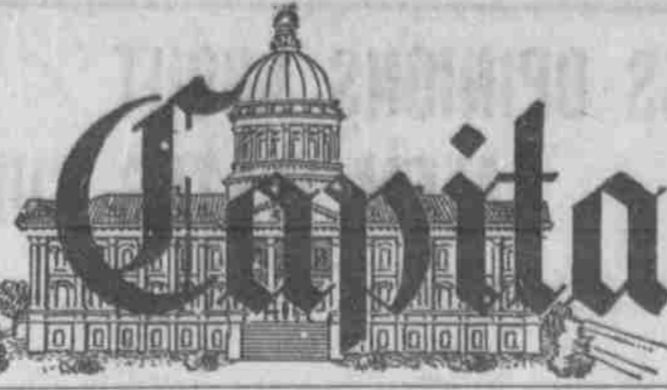


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EX-CONGRESSMAN HERMANN IS ON TRIAL

STEEL TRUST OFFICIALS HAVE A RED HOT TIME

The Event Was an Annual Affair and It Cost Only \$100 a Plate.

FAMOUS SEELY DINNER A MERE SIDESHOW

The Reports Make the Stockholders of the United Steel Corporation Sit Up and Take Notice—The Dancers Enliven Scene With Great Merriment and Hilarity.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 10.—Little by little the details of the Carnegie steel officials' Saturday night dinner leaked out today, and even Pittsburg is shocked.

The event was an annual affair and it cost \$100 a plate. Inasmuch as there were 73 persons present the stockholders of the United States steel corporation were said today to have started a bombardment of questions, consisting of "Whys."

Also do the stockholders ask to be made acquainted with the nature of decorations that were said to have required an outlay of \$4,000 for American beauty roses and 600 canaries.

As for the gasps, somebody started

Seely dinner of a few years ago was entirely outdone. There wasn't a single dancer to enliven the banquet room.

Saturday night, it was declared, there were several of them. And Seely's terpsichorean disciples didn't do it any better than Saturday night's array, if the gossips can be believed. But inasmuch as even the keyholes to the banquet hall were stopped up and armed guards placed at the door it isn't probable that many details are going to become known, the banqueters said.

BECOMES UNRULY AND IS FINED \$5.00 EXTRA

Judge Moores realized but a small sum in fines this morning when the regular morning roll call was made up. Several transient drunks responded to the jailer's call, but being shy on cash were given their liberty by getting out of the city without delay, thus saving a few free lunches. One wayward gentleman, however, coming under the name of John Doe, remitted \$10 to the judge and went away a wiser and poorer citizen of Salem. This guest was fined \$5.00 over the regular fee owing to the fact that upon being rescued from the street in a dilapidated condition he resisted the night officers, and upon arriving at the city bastille door he made such a fuss as to demolish the glass front in the city marshal's office door. This morning, however, John Doe was very peaceful, and humbly turned over the required \$10 piece.

WILL BE A LONG AND TEDIOUS TRIAL

Celebrated Land Fraud Case Against ex-Representative in the Lower House of Congress and Commissioner of the General Land Office Was Commenced in Portland Today

BRILLIANT ARRAY OF LEAGLE TALENT ON BOTH SIDES

Indictment Under Which Binger Hermann Is Being Tried Was Returned February 13, 1905, and Charges Him With Being a Party to Conspiracy to Defraud the United States of Certain Lands in the Blue Mountain Forest Reserve.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Portland, Ore., Jan. 10.—Binger Hermann faced the opening of his trial for conspiracy to defraud the government of public lands in the United States court before Judge Wolverton this morning at 10 o'clock. Up to 12:30 the court was busy with hearing the excuses of the veniremen called to form the jury to try the case. This afternoon the attorneys will begin the task of selecting 12 men out of the remainder left from the original 301 men called to form the petit jury to hear the evidence in the case.

When Clerk Marsh had finished calling the long list of names it was found that 105 of the number had failed to put in an appearance before the court. Fifty-five more were excused by Judge Wolverton for reasons of illness and business.

This afternoon, at 2 o'clock, the work of selecting the trial jury was begun, and it is expected that a day or more will be occupied in this work, though the attorneys hope that the box may be filled out of the first few names called, in order that the introduction of evidence may be commenced as soon as possible.

It is evident that the trial will be a long one and tedious.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 10.—With a jury of 307 Oregon citizens from which it is hoped to secure an unprejudiced body of twelve men, the trial of Binger Hermann, ex-representative in congress and former commissioner of the general land office, started this morning in the United States court.

For the last few weeks the attorneys that are representing the United States and those that are fighting for the vindication of Hermann have been marshaling their facts and arguments, their methods of thrusts and parry.

Hermann, who has been active in

Oregon's political life for the last 42 years, is charged with having been a party to a conspiracy to defraud the United States of a portion of its land in the creation of the Blue Mountain forest reserve.

The trial is certainly to be bitterly contested, as both sides are represented by some of the brightest legal talent in the country.

Matched against the brilliant Col. A. S. Worthington of Washington, D. C., and John M. Gearin of Portland, considered by many the most eloquent lawyer in the Pacific Northwest, are Francis J. Heney, the fighting San Francisco graft prosecutor, supported by Tracey C. Becker.

Heney, who is arraigned against Hermann, was recently defeated for the district attorneyship of San Francisco by Charles M. Fickert. Heney is considered one of the strongest trial lawyers before the American bar.

Hermann also gathered a brilliant array of counsel in his defence. It is headed by Col. A. S. Worthington, a millionaire, who has come all the way from Washington to defend him on account of the personal friendship. Worthington is widely of Senator Reed Smoot of Utah when an effort was made to oust him from his seat in the senate because of his affiliation with the Mormon church.

John M. Gearin, who is assisting Col. Worthington, is a former United States senator, and about 18 years ago ran against Hermann for a seat in congress. Hermann defeated him by a slight majority.

The indictment under which Hermann is being tried was returned February 13, 1905.

The jury list embracing 307 names was drawn from the nine counties of the Willamette valley. The examination of the talesmen started at 10 o'clock this morning. It is believed that several days will be consumed in securing a jury.

KING EDWARD CALLS AN ELECTION

Odds of Five to Four Are Being Placed That Conservatives Will Win.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

London, Jan. 10.—Odds of 5 to 4 that the conservatives will be successful in the coming national elections were offered in the stock exchange today. This is the first time since the beginning of the campaign that the Conservatives have ruled favorites in the betting.

Prior to the Christmas holidays, the Liberals were 7 to 4 favorites. This radical change in public opinion apparently is the result of the activities of the Conservative campaign orators, who have urged incessantly the efficacy of protection to diminish the number of the unemployed.

The king today signed the formal decree dissolving parliament. Immediately afterward, the writs for the election that may establish an epoch in English history were issued.

In several boroughs the election that will decide the fate of the house of lords will be held next Friday. In the majority of places, however, the voters will go to the polls on Saturday. The heaviest voting in the history of the nation is anticipated.

MAYOR ROGERS MAY TAKE TRIP TO HOLYLAND

Announces That He Will Soon Hand In His Resignation to City Council

PROBABLE SUCCESSOR QUESTION OF THE HOUR

Reason Given for Resigning Is that Private Business Will Require His Absence From the City—Procedure of Electing a Successor Is a Question of Considerable Doubt.

According to persistent rumors on the streets, and rumors which have crept into the newspapers, and which claim as their origin an authentic source, Mayor Rodgers will resign as mayor of the city at the next meeting of the city council, and about January 22 depart for a visit to the Holy Land and other parts of Europe. In his annual message to the council the mayor strongly intimated that he was devoting so much time to the affairs of the city that he was neglecting his own business, and shortly afterwards a newspaper report had it that, owing to the enormous increase of his business its demands had become so great upon him that it would be necessary for him to resign as mayor. This was the first report. But now comes a second report and it is that the mayor has for some time contemplated and prepared for a visit to Europe, and that he will leave this winter, and fixes the probable date as January 22, but the same report says this is not primarily his reason for resigning.

At the evening services the quartet will be augmented by a chorus. The orchestra will continue to play at the evening service, and every attempt will be made to increase the interest in the music of the church.

THE CALHOUN BRIBERY CASE POSPONED

San Francisco, Jan. 10.—Upon motion of Charles M. Fickert, the new district attorney, the trial of Patrick Calhoun, millionaire traction magnate, charged with bribery, was postponed today until January 31. Fickert asked the postponement on the ground that he is not familiar with the record in the case.

Attorney Stanley Moore, for Calhoun, asked that the trial be set at the earliest possible date, saying that Calhoun desired immediate hearing.

The second trial of Calhoun was begun last summer by Special Prosecutor Francis J. Heney, but only a few temporary jurors were obtained before the election drew near and as the case was the main issue in the campaign for the district attorneyship it was postponed by agreement until November. Heney was defeated in a hot campaign for the office of prosecutor. He charged that Fickert had been put forward as the personal candidate of Calhoun and one of the hottest political fights this city ever saw centered about this issue.

With Heney passing out of office January 1 and Fickert coming in, the case was postponed, as it was clearly impossible to obtain a jury just before the holidays. In the first trial it took several months to obtain the jury which failed to agree.

The trial was supposed to have been set for today, but Fickert announced yesterday that he found that there was no notation to that effect upon the court docket. He also said that he found that no stenographic record had been kept of the proceedings in the case when it was before the grand jury and that this made it necessary for him to review over the whole record of testimony, consisting of about seven thousand pages.

Calhoun appeared in court today with his usual formidable array of counsel, though Earl Rogers, the Los Angeles attorney, who furnished so much trouble for Heney at the last trial, was not on hand. It is understood that Rogers will not appear in the present case.

It is assumed that the city council will choose the successor to Mayor Rodgers, although some are of the opinion that the election should be put up to the people. The charter only provides for a mayor pro tempore, to be chosen by the council. There are many important issues that involve the city credit and its future welfare that require a man of ability and character to fill the position. There is sincere regret on the part of Mayor Rodgers' friends that he cannot continue in office to the end of his term, which is next December. He has done a great work in showing the need of bringing mountain water, and the task is not a small one. His warmest friends and supporters in the city council are Aldermen Sizs and Eldridge, and naturally are being considered as his successor. Whether the council will take that view of the matter remains to be seen, and it is a question whether it will not take a direct primary and election to settle the matter. The aldermen from each ward will be apt to ask their constituents to express themselves before taking a positive stand for anyone for mayor. The office never was so important as at present. The people of the several wards have a right to be heard in the matter.

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