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PITTSBURG GRAFTERS SENTENCED

Six Councilmen and a Bailor Now Doing Time, and Two More Convicted Are Out Pending an Appeal.

KLEIN WOULD ACT AS HOST

Taken From the Pen to Testify, He Said Alrily This Morning as He Started Back: "I Am Going Home, I Want to Be on Hand to Welcome the Rest of the Boys When They Arrive"—Still Others Are to Be Tried.

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Pittsburg, Pa., May 14.—A. A. Vilsack, former cashier of the German National bank today was sentenced to serve eight months in jail and pay a fine of \$5,000. Vilsack was indicted in the recent graft investigation and pleaded nolle contendere. He was convicted of having paid a bribe to councilmen of the city to secure the passage of an ordinance naming the bank as a depository for city funds.
Ex-Councilman Charles Stewart, one of the alleged "big six" and one of the prime movers in the alleged scheme to obtain money from banks in return for naming them as city depositories, was sentenced to serve

eight months in jail and was fined \$500.
Besides Vilsack and Stewart, William Brand, president of the council, Joseph Wasson, president of the Finance Co., John F. Klein, former councilman and William Ramsey, president of the German National bank, have been convicted and are now serving terms in the penitentiary.
Ex-Councilman Hugh Ferguson was sentenced to day to serve eight months in jail and pay a fine of \$500.
Dr. W. H. Webber was sentenced to serve six months in jail and pay a fine of \$500.

Ex-Councilman P. D. Kearns was sentenced to serve four months in jail and to pay a fine of \$250.
Ex-Councilman Morris Einstein was sentenced to serve six months and to pay a fine of \$2500.

Vilsack, Einstein, Webber and Kearns were taken to jail immediately. Ferguson and Stewart were granted stays on appeal.

An attempt to block the graft prosecution here was begun today when charges of perjury were filed against Johnny Klein, chief witness for the prosecution. Those placing the charges hope to discredit the testimony of Klein which involved many indicted or convicted men.

Klein was brought from the pen to be examined in court. On his return to prison he said airily: "I'm going home. I want to be on hand to welcome the rest of the boys when they arrive."

WILL INSTALL NEST OF OWLS AT SALEM

Peter Shea, the organizer for the Northwest of the Brotherhood of Owls, has enrolled some of the best people in the city, and will install a nest of these wise and self-helpful birds next Wednesday evening, when a delegation from Portland will visit the Capital City, and assist at the ceremonies. The order is growing in popularity in the Northwest, and has enlisted some of the most prominent men of Salem and Portland.

THIS IS A VICTORY FOR TAFT

Senate Reaches a Compromise on the Railroad Bill and Agree Upon the Short and Long Haul Amendment.

ALDRICH VOTES YES ON IT

The Clause as Passed Is in Substance That No Greater Charge Shall Be Made for a Short Haul Than for a Long Haul Over the Same Route in the Same Direction, the Shorter Haul Being Included in the Longer Distance—It Has Minor Provisions

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Washington, May 14.—By a sudden welding late yesterday of supposedly irreconcilable factions, the senate by a vote of 56 to 10, adopted a compromise amendment to the railroad bill for the regulation of relative charges for long and short hauls.

As adopted the new provision strikes out of section four of the interstate commerce law the words "under substantially similar circumstances and conditions," and also eliminates the proviso of that section and amends the section so as to make it read as follows:

"Section 4. That it shall be unlawful for any common carrier, subject to the provision of this act, to charge or receive any greater com-

penation in the aggregate for the transportation of passengers, or any like kind of property for a shorter than for a longer distance over the same line or route in the same direction, the shorter being included within the longer distance, or to charge any greater compensation as a through route than the aggregate of the local rates; but this shall not be construed as authorizing any common carrier within the terms of this act, to charge as great compensation from a shorter as from a longer distance.

"Provided, however, that the interstate commerce commission may, from its knowledge or information, or upon application, ascertain that the circumstances and conditions of the long haul are dissimilar to the circumstances and conditions of the shorter haul, whether they result from competition by water or rail, then it may authorize a common carrier to charge less for the longer than for the shorter distance for the transportation of passengers; but in no event shall the authority be granted unless the commission is satisfied that all the rates involved are just and reasonable and not unjustly discriminatory or unduly preferential nor prejudicial.

"And provided further, that no rates or charges lawfully existing at the time of the passage of this amendatory act shall be required to be changed by reason of the provisions of this section prior to the expiration of six months after the passage of this act, nor in any case where application shall have been filed before the commission in accordance with the provisions of this section, pending a determination of such application by the commission."

Of the 56 votes in favor of the amendment 22 were given by Republican senators who have opposed the insertion of any long-and-short-haul provision in the railroad bill 13 by Democrats and the rest by Republicans chiefly insurgents.

The negative vote was equally divided between Republicans and Democrats.

The senators who voted for the provision were: Aldrich, Bacon, Beveridge, Bradley, Brandegee, Briggs, Bristow, Burton, Burkett, Barham, Burrows, Carter Clapp, Clark (Ark.), Clay, Crane, Crawford, Cullom, Cummins, Curtis, Dillingham, Dixon, Dooliver, Dupont, Elkins, Flint, Fraser, Gable, Guggenheim, Jones, Keam, LaFollette, Lodge, Martin, Nelson, Nixon, Oliver, Owen, Page, Paynter, Penrose, Percy, Perkins, Piles, Purcell, Root, Shively, Simmons, Smith (S. C.), Scott, Stephenson, Sutherland, Taylor, Warner, Wetmore—56.

The negative vote was as follows: Bailey, Bourne, Buckley, Chamberlain, Fletcher, Frye, Gallinger, Heyburn, McEnery and Overman—10.

The senate under a unanimous consent agreement, began voting at 4 o'clock upon the long and short haul amendments, of which a dozen or more had been submitted. The pending amendment was one by Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, for which Senator Dixon, of Montana, had presented a substitute. The effect of this was to give the Montana senator possession of the floor at 4 o'clock.

HUNDREDS KILLED IN SANTIAGO

Port Limon, Costa Rica, May 14.—The town of Santiago was destroyed by yesterday's earthquake, and scores are believed to have been killed, according to today's advices received here. The town is deserted.

Cartago was violently shaken and some of the graves containing victims of the last quake were opened, adding danger of pestilence.

Light shocks were felt today, but it is believed the worst is over.

Cartago is to be rebuilt, earthquake proof.

Kerby Story Shakes Things.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Washington, May 14.—When the story of Frederick M. Kerby, Ballinger's stenographer, appeared in print here today, Secretary Ballinger hurriedly left the room in which the congressional investigating committee was in session, and rushed to the White House. President Taft had started on a golfing trip about 15 minutes before the papers containing the story were on the street, and he had not then learned of its publication.

BRANDEIS STIRS UP BALLINGER

Shows That the Lawler Memorandum Submitted by Wick-ersham Is Identical With the President's Letter.

LAWLER PREPARED LETTER

It Is Made to Appear That the President Relied, as He Had a Right to, Upon His Subordinates, and That He Acted in Omitting Glavis on the Case as Submitted to Him by These Subordinates.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Washington, D. C., May 14.—A hasty examination of the "Lawler memorandum" produced before the committee today by Attorney-General Wickersham, showed it to be identical in entire paragraphs, as Attorney Brandeis claimed with the letter of President Taft, exonerating Secretary Ballinger and discharging Glavis.

Attorney Brandeis asserted that the following paragraphs, with the exception that Lawler's omitted the date, are identical in both letters:

"Mr. L. R. Glavis called upon me here and submitted a statement of report relating to the conduct of the interior department, particularly with reference to the action of yourself, Assistant Secretary Pierce, Land Commissioner Dennett and Chief H. H. Schwartz with reference to the so-called Cunningham group of coal land claims in Alaska.

"The great responsibility of a cabinet position demands the selection therefor of men of highest character and integrity. The possession of these qualities as well of ability and experience especially fitted you to direct the affairs of the department of the interior and warranted your appointment as secretary.

"The duty I owe to the country, to you and to myself requires that any aspersions upon the propriety of your acts or those of your subordinates be promptly met and carefully considered, to the end that if justified a proper remedy may be applied, if not, that they may be publicly refuted."

In the last sentence of the above paragraph the Lawler draft reads: "And if not that it may be squarely, emphatically and publicly refuted."

The president's letter omits "squarely and emphatically." Through the other paragraphs as Brandeis has alleged, the president's letter simply was a paraphrase of the Lawler draft.

Attorney Brandeis is now awaiting an opportunity to reopen the case on the day's startling developments and will take it up as soon as possible after the direct examination of Land Commissioner Dennett has been completed.

Thirteen Fatal at Snoqualmie.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Seattle, Wash., May 14.—Anyone doubting the ominous significance of Friday, the 13th, is apt to become decidedly unpopular with the three

saloon keepers of the village of Snoqualmie and their customers.
Snoqualmie is located in the eastern part of King county in the foothills of the Cascade range, on the Milwaukee road. A dispatch today says the town voted "dry" in a local option election yesterday by a majority of 13.

Indians Cut Wires.

Santa Fe, N. M., May 14.—Telephone and telegraph wires into Taos, New Mexico, the pueblo central to the district, where Pueblo Indians are on the warpath, were cut today.

Sixty picked men of the territorial guard were dispatched last night in a special train, but, owing to lack of communication, their whereabouts is unknown.

The fear is expressed here that the presence of soldiers may incite hitherto peaceful Indians to join the tribesmen already in revolt.

Cavalry Ordered to Scene.

Washington, May 14.—A troop of cavalry was today ordered from Fort Wingate to drive the Pueblo Indians back to the Taos reservation, and prevent further depredations.

The order followed a conference between Secretary of War Dickinson and the president. The president was not willing to permit the territorial militia of New Mexico to be in control.

Dispatches received here are very meagre, but say that 50 or more Indians in an ugly mood left the reservation.

THE KERBY AFFIDAVIT IS FALSE

SUCH IS THE STATEMENT MADE AT THE WHITE HOUSE, BUT NOT BY THE PRESIDENT WHO HAS NOT SEEN IT.

Washington, May 14.—With reference to the published affidavit of Frederick M. Kerby, one of Ballinger's stenographers, to the effect that President Taft's letter of September 13, exonerating Secretary Ballinger, substantially was prepared for the president's signature by Oscar Lawler, it was said at the White House today there was absolutely no foundation for any such statement.

The "official denial" was issued late this afternoon.

The president dictated the letter personally as the result of his own investigation of the record, and after consideration of the documents and papers in his possession at the time it was alleged.

The statement was prepared after a hurried conference between Taft's private secretary, Carpenter, and Secretary Ballinger, and after a consultation with the president at the golf links, held over the telephone.

An Ballinger left the White House he refused to make any statement, except to say: "It is not bothering me much."

Afterwards Secretary Carpenter asked that the following be added to the official denial, striking out the final period, and adding "and upon report to him by the attorney-general."

It was pointed out by close observers that Kerby's statement did not say that the president did not himself dictate the final draft of the president's letter, as was given to the public. Kerby merely said that Lawler dictated a letter which was in such a form that it might have been used in toto by the president, but that, in his opinion, the president changed the wording.

OUR CAPITOL.



THE HYDE JURY FAILS TO AGREE

Reported at 11:10 O'clock This Morning That It Was Unable to Agree—Judge Says He Will Hold It Until Tuesday.

ELEVEN FOR ACQUITTAL

This Was the Rumor This Afternoon—Hyde Seems Confident and Sleeps Soundly All Night—One Rumor Says Four Are For Acquittal, Two For Murder in First Degree With Life Imprisonment, and Balance for Second Degree.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Kansas City, Mo., May 14.—When the jury which is considering the evidence against Dr. B. C. Hyde, charged with the murder of Colonel Thomas H. Swope, filed into court today it was announced that no verdict had been reached by them.

According to court room report four jurors were holding out for acquittal of the defendant, two others for murder in the first degree with life imprisonment as punishment instead of hanging. The remainder were believed to be in favor of murder in the second degree.

The defendant slept soundly during the night, and appeared today fresh and smiling.

Mrs. Hyde visited the jail in the morning to comfort her husband.

At 11:10 o'clock today the jury reported that no agreement had been reached, and that there was no probability of an early agreement.

Judge Latschaw said he would hold the jury until Tuesday if necessary to obtain an agreement, and the 12 men were then again locked up.

When the jurors in the Hyde trial returned from lunch today it was noticed that Frank P. Hodges, one of the jurors, sat apart, apparently thinking deeply. This has lent color to the rumor current here that 11 of the jurors are for acquittal and only one man is for conviction.

Commends King George.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Rome, May 14.—The Tribune says today that the pope has written to King George V. of England, congratulating his majesty on his demand for a modification of the oath of accession. The king's demand included the exclusion of paragraphs objectionable to Catholics.

HE TELLS WOMEN TO STAY HOME

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Cincinnati, O., May 14.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, leading speaker before the Federation of Women's clubs in session here today, admonished the club women not to attend too many conventions. He said that woman's place was at home.

"I believe in women attending conventions when they want to and even voting if they desire," he said, "but they should not be so busy with these things as to neglect children and kitchens."

Wickersham Sent Memoranda.

Washington, May 14.—Attorney-General Wickersham today sent the so-called Lawler memoranda to the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee.

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