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UNCLE SAM AGAINST THE ROADS

The Filing of Suits to Prevent the Railroads Raising Freight Rates Is Probably the Beginning of a Long Drawn Out Battle.

KEPT MOVEMENT SECRET

Attorney-General Wickersham Says the Roads Tried to Keep the Movement to Increase the Rates Secret Until It Was Too Late for Shippers to Act—Commuters on Lines to Jersey City Are Raised From \$3 to \$5 a Month—Protests Filed in Bundles.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, June 2.—The filing of the suit against the 25 Western railroads which resulted in a temporary injunction against rate increases granted by Federal Judge Dyer at Hannibal, Mo., is said to be the first move in a campaign against railroad abuses by the department of justice. Complaints from all parts of the country where rate increases are proposed will be made, it is understood, and these complaints it is intimated by the department of justice, will result in suits similar to that already filed. In some cases protests against increases have already been made and

In other cases the action is expected to follow the filing with the interstate commerce commission the schedules increasing the former rates.

A protest against the rates between Chicago and St. Paul, ranging from 10 to 30 per cent will be made. It is understood.

Commuters between New England and New Jersey points have complained at the action of the railroads in increasing the rates so that the tickets cost from \$2 to \$5 more monthly than the former rate. A suit is apt to follow.

Attorney-General Wickersham today declared the administration had been urging a law which gives the interstate commerce commission power to investigate rates before they become effective. He declared that the roads already sued had endeavored to keep the rate increases secret until too late for the shippers to act.

When the resolution offered by La Follette, urging Wickersham to enjoin the Western trunk lines from increasing their rates was filed came up in the senate today La Follette was not present and action was deferred. It is probable that the resolution will be withdrawn.

He Crossed Channel Twice.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Dover, Eng., June 2.—Charles Stewart Rolls, aviator, established a new world's record with the aeroplane this evening. Rolls flew across the English channel, landed in France and after a short rest made a successful return flight to England. Rolls' entire flight consumed 35 minutes. It was a most spectacular one, the atmosphere being so clear that Dover spectators could see the entire flight and Rolls landing on the French side.

He landed in France at 6:35 this evening and after a rest returned, landing near here at 8:05 o'clock.

Flew Across Channel.

Dover, Eng., June 2.—Charles Stewart Rolls, the aviator, flew across the English channel this afternoon. The aviator started from the English shore at 6:30 this evening.

THE WOMAN SHOT HER HUSBAND

Mrs. Vera Prosser, of Seattle and Cleveland, O., Charged With Killing Her Husband on Great Northern Train Yesterday.

WANTED TO GET HIM BACK

She at One Time Locked Him in Hotel Room, But Escaping He Was Hidden by Friends and Wife Told He Had Gone East—She Hurriedly Followed But Discovering the Trick Returned—Met Him at Spokane by Accident—His Body Found After She Left Train.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Seattle, Wash., June 2.—Mrs. Vera Prosser, of Seattle, and Cleveland, Ohio, is alleged to have shot and killed her divorced husband on a Great Northern passenger train near Libby, Mont., yesterday afternoon, according to a special dispatch today to the Seattle Star.

Mrs. Prosser was divorced from her husband on May 18, in Seattle. Mr. and Mrs. Prosser were riding together in one compartment of the train. A passenger in another compartment heard a shot. Mrs. Prosser left the train at Libby. As the train pulled out, Prosser's body was discovered. The train was

backed into town, and Mrs. Prosser was arrested.

She had been following her former husband, in an effort to get him to return to her ever since the divorce was granted. On that day, May 18, she took dinner with him at a local hotel. Later in the day she locked him in a room at the hotel. Prosser was afterwards hidden by his friends, who told his former wife that he had gone back to his former home in Lisbon, Ohio. She immediately went east, but on arriving at Chicago found that her former husband was still in Seattle. She started West again, and met Prosser accidentally in Spokane.

Prosser was accompanied on his Eastern trip by Manager Miller, of the local Winton automobile garage, and A. H. Schaefer, another garage employe. Prosser was an agent of the Winton company.

Telegrams from Miller and Schaefer confirm the dispatch from Montana.

Recently in attempting to slip away from her, Prosser missed his train. He jumped into an automobile, and caught the train at Ballard, a suburb, only to find, upon climbing aboard the train, that his wife was already a passenger.

ACCUSE HIM OF BEING A LOBBYIST

MASS MEETING OF REPUBLICANS AT JUNEAU, ALASKA, TURN DOWN SHACKLEFORD AS BEING "UNTRUE TO HIS TRUST."

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Juneau, Alaska, June 2.—Louis P. Shackelford, head of the Republican territorial committee and accused by Delegate Wickersham and others of being a lobbyist in Washington for the Guggenheims, and the Treadwell mine owners, was declared "untrue to his trust" at a mass meeting of republicans held here last night.

The meeting was decidedly hostile to Shackelford and declared his elimination to be "for the best interests of the party." A call has been issued for a republican convention to convene at Juneau, June 30 to nominate a delegate to congress at the request of republicans all over Alaska. Each judicial division was apportioned 50 delegates.

FOR NON-PARTISAN SUPREME COURT

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the State Bar Association, at a meeting some time ago declaring in favor of a non-partisan supreme court, the executive committee of the association held a meeting at the office of Judge Pipes, at Portland, yesterday afternoon, and settled upon the afternoon of July 19, as the time for the holding of an assembly for the purpose of nominating candidates.

The assembly will be composed of lawyers from all portions of the state and while neither the association nor the executive committee have indicated by any action as to what candidates are preferred, it is generally understood that its labors will be directed for the renomination of the members of the present court.

Under the initiative law, whenever 100 persons shall assemble for the purpose of nominating candidates for any office—that is provided these candidates are non-partisan, it will not be necessary to circulate petitions. It is expected that not only 100 attorneys of the state will be present, but a great number in excess of it.

Attorney William Kaiser, of the firm of Kaiser & Pogue, attended the committee meeting from this city.

Will Rebuild Mill.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] North Bend, Wash., June 2.—The South Fork Lumber Mill, two miles east of here, totally destroyed by fire yesterday, will probably be rebuilt, according to the owners today. The loss is \$200,000, half of which is said to be covered by insurance.

One hundred and fifty employes of the plant fought the fire. More than 3,000,000 feet of lumber was also destroyed.

CHEATED THE SUGAR GROWERS

Ernest W. Gerbracht, ex-Superintendent of the Williamsburg Refinery of the American Sugar Trust, Testifies as to the System.

HAVEMEYER JUST A THIEF

Gerbracht Says "Trust Found It Difficult to Cheat Planters by Underweighing, So They Reduced the Goods by Fraud"—He Says "Havemeyer, Now Dead, Ordered Him to Falsify His Polaroscope Sugar Tests, So That the Company Would Not Have to Pay Growers So Much."

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, June 2.—Ernest W. Gerbracht, ex-superintendent of the Williamsburg refinery of the American Sugar Company, was cross-examined today by Assistant U. S. Attorney General Stimson, in the trial of the "sugar trust" officials charged with having defrauded the government of custom duties.

In his testimony he said Henry O. Havemeyer, now dead, ordered him to falsify his polaroscope sugar tests so that the company would not have to pay so much for sugar to the growers.

Sugar is purchased from the planters on weight and grade. The "trust" found it difficult to cheat the planters by underweighing, Gerbracht testified, so they reduced the grade by fraud. The witness objected to terming these low test "falsification."

Gerbracht said, "We took polaroscopic tests at the refinery, and another test was made at the Wall street offices. We made the refinery tests as low as possible, and some times the Wall street tests were lower still. In these latter cases we were forced to make our figures lower. Merchants selling sugar were paid on the basis lower than the lowest tests."

TAFT TALKS TO BRYN MAWR GIRLS

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Philadelphia, Pa., June 2.—"Loveless marriages are almost criminal," said President Taft today, addressing the graduates of Bryn Mawr college, where Miss Helen Taft is a student. The president also dissented from the view that a college education unfit man and women for a business career. He denied that the power of

reasoning and of cultivation and comparison of ideas are not of assistance in business.

"I dissent," said "the president, "from the view that academic education robs woman of her charm. I am quite ready and willing to concede that marriage and motherhood are woman's natural status, and, other things being equal, she is happier in that condition."

"But this far from saying that woman is a failure because she is unmarried. Home and the family are the nucleus of the highest happiness, but if the circumstances are such that a woman is forced to accept a husband whom she does not respect and love and who marries only to escape a life of poverty, then home and the family are unlikely to be models or furnish ideals."

In the course of the day the president spent several hours with his daughter.

WOMEN DODGED JURY SERVICE

Boise, Ida., June 2.—The suit of George Church vs. James Cruikshank for damages for sheep trespassing on a range is on trial today before a jury, but none of nine women summoned to serve were in evidence owing to the diplomacy of the sheriff of Idaho county, and the willing co-operation of the husbands of the women summoned.

Under the suffrage laws of Idaho women have a right to vote or to serve on juries.

When the sheriff had failed to find men enough to fill the venire, he summoned women.

Many objections were raised by the attorneys in the case and finally the sheriff was unofficially advised to recover the summons he had served.

With the assistance of the husbands of the women, the official was enabled to regain the papers he had served.

BIG SLIDE FILLS CUT AT CULEBRA

MORE THAN 50,000 CUBIC YARDS OF EARTH SLIDES INTO THE DEEP CUT ON THE PANAMA CANAL.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Washington, June 2.—Members of the army board today are awaiting further news of the latest reported slide in the Culebra cut. The engineering operations in the Panama canal zone, in the vicinity of Culebra, have been threatened for many months, and the reports so far received indicate that the slide, which is gradual, has compelled cessation of operations.

According to advices 12 steam shovels were forced into idleness. It is also reported that 500,000 cubic yards of earth fell from the Cucaracha slide and filled the bottom of the cut for a distance of 900 feet across to the foot of the opposite bank.

The semi-landslide is said to have torn up tracks and demolished worksheds. It will take several weeks to clean up the debris.

PROFIT AND LOSS.



ILLINOIS SCANDAL IS GROWING

Representative H. J. C. Beckmeyer, According to Reports, Will Make Confession Exposing Internal Workings of Illinois Legislature.

MAY INVALIDATE ALL LAWS

He Has Already Confessed to Receiving Money to Vote for Senator Lorimer, and It Is Said Will Tell Who Contributed to the Famous "Jackpot" Divided Among the Legislators, What It Was For, Who Got It, and in Fact Expose the Whole Dirty Mess.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Springfield, Ills., June 2.—A confession which, it is said, will divulge the inner workings of the "legislative jack pot syndicate" giving the names of the men who contributed and the members of the legislature who received money from it as well as the bills which were effected by it will be made before the grand jury by Representative H. J. C. Beckmeyer, according to reports here today.

That this confession will result in a state wide thorough probe of half the work of the last session of the legislature is the statement made by those connected with the prosecutors office here today.

Beckmeyer is one of the figures who confessed that he received money to vote for William Lorimer for the United States senate.

He agreed to testify before the grand jury but after some consultation decided to prepare a "confession" first and appear later. It was expected that he would appear late today but it is now expected that Beckmeyer will appear and be questioned regarding the statements in the confession.

As a result of his testimony it is said Burke of Sangamon county is preparing to spread the dragnet, and that legislators from all parts of the state will be summoned to tell what they know of the legislative scandals.

Prosecutor Burke has dropped all other matters connected with the investigation he has begun and will devote his energies to developing the leads which Beckmeyer's testimony give him.

Burke and Governor Dineen conferred this afternoon and it is understood that a definite plan of campaign has already been mapped out and that the district attorney is prepared to act.

The revelations that have been outlined by Beckmeyer are said to be startling in the extreme. It is declared that his testimony shows that the jack pot was used to influence bill after bill in the legislature. It has even been intimated that the disclosures are such that much of the legislation of the last legislature may be held invalid.

A coterie of "higher ups" are said to be implicated in the revelations that Beckmeyer has made and it is declared to be the intention of the district attorney not only to make matters uncomfortable for the legislators involved in the scandal, but also to get after and indict the men who contributed to the fund.

Ex-Governor Dead.

Omaha, Neb., June 2.—John Hopwood Mickey, governor of Nebraska from 1903 to 1906, died at his home today at Osceola, Nebraska.

Death was caused by hardening of the arteries. Mickey was unconscious since last Sunday. His funeral probably will be held Sunday.

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