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BIG BUSINESS RIDES ROUGH-SHOD OVER THE POOR

JUDGE GILBERT SAYS DECISION FOLLOWED THAT OF SUPREME COURT

IT HELD INNOCENT BUYERS SHOULD NOT BE PUNISHED DOES NOT PROTECT FRAUD

The Judge Admits That He is J. Thorburn Ross' Brother-in-Law, But That the Case Had Nothing to Do With Him or His Troubles---Judge Gilbert's Son and Daughter Acted as Dummies for Ross, But When the Judge Learned It He Had Them Cancel Their Entries and Return the Money Advanced by Ross to Them.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.]
San Francisco, Feb. 24.—Admitting that his son and daughter had acted as dummy entrymen in the alleged fraud of his wife's brother-in-law, J. Thorburn Ross, of Portland, Judge W. B. Gilbert, of the United States circuit court of appeals today rendered his part in the case.

of the United States supreme court in such matters, and I did this. The supreme court has already decided that the buyer of land fraudulently obtained should not be held responsible for the fraud? My decision has not changed the law a particle, nor has it been a new interpretation. It could not possibly be used in the case of Ross.

THE WOODMEN HAD A PLEASANT EVENING

A good time was had at the Steeves' hall last night by the Woodmen of the World. It was in the nature of a celebration in honor of the work done by W. B. Holdiman, district manager of this large and prosperous order. Mr. Holdiman has done extensive work here for the last six months, which has resulted in there being about 100 applications for membership to the local lodge.

The meeting last night was a highly enjoyable one, there being a musical and literary program rendered, which was followed by ice cream and cake, served by the ladies of the auxiliary order. Henry St. Helens, Mrs. E. C. Wells and the Woodman quartet took part in the program.

Worse Than McNamara.
Springfield, Ill., Feb. 24.—The Illinois miners' convention today adopted resolution branding the action of the militia and the police at Lawrence a "damnable outrage," and declaring that by such actions "are McNamara outrages prompted."

Furth Gets Big Job.

Seattle, Feb. 24.—Jacob Furth, president of the Seattle Electric company, has been elected president of the Puget Sound Traction Light and Power company, a \$49,000,000 corporation which is about to take over the properties in the Pacific Northwest, managed by Stone and Webster, of Boston, Mass. Headquarters will be in this city.

THE MOOSE WILL TAKE BOTH FLOORS

The trustees of the Moose lodge, A. G. Magers, William Wolf and George L. Frazure, had a meeting yesterday afternoon at which it was practically agreed to take the two upper floors of the building to be constructed at the northwest corner of High and Court streets. This settles the matter of the size and height of the building to be constructed by Messrs. F. N. Dorby and F. J. Lafky on their premises at the above location. The building will be about 80 feet wide and 90 feet long north and south and will be three stories high. The lodge room for the Moose lodge will be fitted up and furnished in an elegant manner, and when complete and furnished will be the finest in the Northwest. There will be a lodge room, a banquet room, reception room for the ladies and a club room. Workmen are now at work moving the building off the ground and construction will begin on the building in a short time.

Back in the Pen
J. P. Siver, penitentiary trusty who escaped, is back. At Seattle he wrote Supt. James that he was "gone from Oregon forever." Imbibing too freely soon afterward, he fell asleep and awakened in jail.

Banker Died in Jail.

San Francisco, Feb. 24.—With his wife sobbing at his bedside, William B. Nash, convicted cashier of the defunct Market Street bank, died today in the county jail, where he was confined pending an appeal from a sentence of five years' imprisonment at San Quentin for falsifying a report of the bank to the state bank examiner.

PRESIDENT BRANDS IT AS FALSE

Says the Statement That He Said "the American People Were Not Fitted for Self-Government" is a Deliberate Lie.

HIS ENEMIES CIRCULATE IT

And Sensational Newspapers Play It Up, But It Has No Foundation, But Was Created Out of Whole Cloth—What He Said Was Given Correctly in Press Reports, and is as Appears Below.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.]
Washington, Feb. 24.—Flat denial of charges that he had said that the American people are unfitted for self-government was made by President Taft today in an official statement issued from the White House. The statement follows:
"Among the falsehoods assiduously circulated by persons and papers opposing President Taft is one that in his Lincoln day speech the President argued that 'the people are not fitted for self-government.'"
"The President said nothing on that occasion which could possibly be tortured into such construction. The speech in which the president referred to popular government was delivered at a banquet of the New York State Bar association January 20. What he then said on this subject—and it was correctly quoted in the newspapers on the following day, was 'Popular government we all believe in. There are those of us who do not believe that all the people are fitted for popular government. The fact is, we know they are not. Some of us do not dare say so, but I do, and the question whether a people is fitted for self-government, so as to make government for that people, is determined by the ability of the majority of that people to place upon itself the restraint by which the minority shall receive justice from the majority. It is the question of self-imposed restraint that determines whether a people is fitted to govern itself.'"

ALEXANDER CLARK CROSSES THE DIVIDE

After an illness of 10 days, Alexander Clark, an aged resident of Salem, died at his residence at the Leonard hotel on Front street at 12:30 this morning, the cause of his death being peritonitis, from which he had suffered intensely for a period of 48 hours before his death. Mr. Clark was 71 years old last Tuesday and has lived in Salem 33 years.

He is survived by his widow and Miss Nellie Clark, the only child, who were both at the bedside at the time of his death.

MASSACHUSETTS MILITIA CLUBS WOMEN AND CHILDREN AT LAWRENCE

Jailer in Contempt.

Seattle, Feb. 24.—Allan Stark, head jailer at the King county jail, has been notified to be prepared to answer a charge of contempt of court in allowing a federal prisoner, sentenced to imprisonment, to have temporary liberty outside the walls of the jail. Thomas Cheatham, junior first officer of the Oriental liner Minnesota, is the prisoner referred to in the complaint.

WILL BUILD ANOTHER FINE BRICK

ROTH GROCERY COMPANY BUYS SITE ON LIBERTY STREET AND WILL ERECT A THREE-STORY BRICK FOR THE STORE'S NEW HOME.

A deal was consummated today by which the Roth Grocery company acquires title to the lot on Liberty street just south of Ye Liberty theater. The lot is 42 by 165 feet and the purchase was made for a future home for the above-named firm. The price paid is \$16,000 and is almost \$400 a front foot. This is considered as a good bargain for the Roth company by real estate men.

The Roth Grocery company will improve the property by the construction of a three-story building and will occupy the entire lower floor from Liberty street to the alley for salesrooms and store room. The second and third stories will be for office purposes and lodging house purposes.

THE NURSE REPUDIATES CONFESSION

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.]
New York, Feb. 24.—Repudiation of a confession in which she admitted responsibility for the death of eight infants at the Brooklyn nursery and infants' hospital by oxalic acid poisoning, was made here today by Winifred Ankers, an attendant at the institution. In asserting that the confession was false from beginning to end, Miss Ankers charges that the statement was extorted from her by the "bulldozing tactics of Detective James Kirby." In the confession alleged to have been made by the young woman last night she was made to say that she killed the infants by putting oxalic acid in milk prepared for them. The confession was repudiated by Miss Ankers when a formal charge of murder was lodged against her today.

OWL CONSTRUCTION CO. MAKE SOME CHANGES

There has been a reorganization of the Owl Construction company. Under the new regime A. B. Cook, recently of Chicago, Ill., is in charge of the insurance department, and will be able to handle that part of the work very ably, as he has had a great deal of experience along that line.

M. E. Ferdinand will have charge of the real estate and D. B. Barron will have charge of the contract work. The rooms have been thoroughly renovated, and new furniture put in place, and everything looks inviting.

THOUSANDS OF INDIGNANT PROTESTS SENT GOVERNOR FOSS FROM PACIFIC COAST

Militia is Used at Behest of Manufacturers to Prevent Textile Strikers Sending Their Children Out of the City--By Keeping the Children the Companies Hope to Starve the Strikers Into Submission--Strikers Allege the Chief of Police Takes His Orders From the Mill Owners.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.]
Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 24.—When strikers this morning undertook to send children to outside points where friends would take care of them, they were stopped by the police, and when strikers insisted, they were unmercifully beaten by the militia.

Each child sent to the station bore a card stating that the bearer had received the consent of the parent that it should be taken from the city. Following the arrest of eight women, five men and ten children at the station, Marshal Sullivan ordered the arrest of other strikers, bringing the total of arrests up to 75, including men, women and children.

Arrested on Petty Charges.
The charges against the strikers vary, most of them being charged with obstructing the sidewalks and assaulting police officers. The strikers were arraigned in police court, scores of soldiers and police surrounding the court house during the hearing.

Hundreds of messages, denouncing the action of the militiamen and police were received here today by the mayor of Lawrence, Marshal Sullivan is the object of scores of additional telegrams, the burden of the messages being that the marshal is entirely unfitted for the position he holds.

Citizens Indignant.
The citizens of Lawrence are indignant at the treatment accorded the women and children by the orders of the marshal, and it is very probable that they will take immediate action to secure his discharge from the police department, even if more serious charges against him do not follow.

When pressed for some reason for his action today, Sullivan refused to explain.

"They are not going to ship these children away from Lawrence," was the only comment he would make.

The children, for the most part, are charged with obstructing the sidewalks, while the parents are charged with assault.

The police this afternoon are keeping everyone on the streets moving, and declare they have received orders to arrest any one openly criticizing their actions. Such persons, it was announced, would be thrown into jail and charged with inciting a riot.

Would Force Children Back.
The strikers, nevertheless, do not hesitate to tell the police that they are receiving their orders direct from the mill owners, and not from the mayor of Lawrence. They openly charge that today's brutalities were ordered by the textile operators, who are determined to break the strike at any cost, and even though they have to do it by the starvation route.

Assistant Marshal Samuel Logan this afternoon declared that the police would bring back immediately the children already sent out of the city, and that the local branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children would apply to the courts of New York and Vermont for a ruling ordering the return of the children to Lawrence.

States guarantees to the people the right of liberty. Women of Lawrence have the right to take their children out of Massachusetts if they see fit. Judging by your failure to uphold the constitution they ought to do so.

Seattle Protests.
Seattle, Feb. 24.—The Seattle Star today sent a telegram to Governor Foss, of Massachusetts, protesting against the high-handed methods employed by the militiamen under him, to prevent the sending of children of strikers to homes where they can be properly cared for during the strike.

Tacoma Indignant.
Tacoma, Feb. 24.—Aroused by the atrocious attacks of the militia and police on defenseless men and women strikers in the Lawrence textile strike, the people of Tacoma are today wiring emphatic protests to Governor Eugene E. Foss, of Massachusetts. Following is a telegram sent by the Tacoma Times:

"Eugene N. Foss, Governor of Massachusetts, Boston:
"This paper emphatically protests in the name of humanity against attacks on men, women and children by police and militia at Lawrence, and against the denial of unquestioned constitutional rights. Believe it your duty to put a stop to such un-American acts. TACOMA TIMES."

Aroused to boiling indignation, private citizens and organizations are also telegraphic protests.

Congress Will Act.
Washington, Feb. 24.—A congressional investigation of the strike of textile workers at Lawrence, Mass., where men, women and children are being beaten and arrested by militia and police, and their constitutional guarantees disregarded, is certain.

Chairman Wilson, of the house committee on labor, today wired President Golden, of the textile workers' union, for an official statement of today's police action. On receiving it, he will at once order his committee to investigate.

Some "Big Business."
Denver, Colo., Feb. 24.—"Big business has simply thrown off its mask, and is working in the open," said Judge Ben Lindsay here today, discussing the situation in Lawrence.

"Similar action," he continued, "on the part of the strikers would be denounced as anarchy. The world is startled when forces of greed use the police and soldiers to capture little children, and use their sufferings to enslave their parents."

"It is horrible, brutal and unchristian, but it is what the exploiters of child labor and man labor are doing in every section of the country. The only difference is that the mill owners are doing it openly."

"Clearly these children and their parents are being denied the rights guaranteed by the constitution, but the constitution has long ceased to mean much when dollars and privilege have depended on its violation."
"These children probably will not miss the constitution, they have missed so much already. Big business everywhere is brutal, and everywhere depends on the needs of little children to terrorize parents into submitting to."
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Forecast Till 5 p. m. Sunday.
Salem and Washington: Fair tonight and Sunday. Easterly winds.
Shippers' Forecast.
Vessel shipments as far north as Seattle against minimum temperature of about 22 degrees; northeast to Portland, 16 degrees; southeast to Boise, 18 degrees; south to Biskyou, 20 degrees. Minimum temperature at Portland tonight, about 32 degrees.
River Forecast.
The Willamette river at Portland will continue to fall slowly for the next two or three days.
EDWARD A. BEALS, District Forecaster.