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PRESIDENT OF A BIG COMPANY TRIES TO PREVENT WITNESS TESTIFYING

OR AT LEAST TO FORGET TO REMEMBER SOME THINGS--STORY CAUSES SENSATION

Witness Whitney Tells How the Big Companies Fixed Prices, Shut Out Bidders and Controlled Markets--He Also Tells How He Was Ordered to Burn the Books, and How He Was Called Out in the Hall by President Baackes, of the Wire Trust, and Told to Forget About the Books Being Burned.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
New York, May 8.—Whitney sprung another sensation this morning when he followed up his testimony about the burning of evidence, by a flat statement that President Baackes, of the American Steel and Wire company had attempted to interfere with his testimony before the grand jury which voted the indictment against the steel trust.

Prefacing this, Whitney recited the operations of the wire pool under the direction of Supervisor Jackson. He asserted that Jackson fixed prices and arranged what companies participated in the pool should bid for contracts.

Referring to his testimony before the grand jury, Whitney said that while he was in the grand jury ante-room, George Cragin, assistant sales manager of the wire trust told him President Baackes wanted to see him in the hall. Whitney went.

He swore: "Baackes told me: 'I suppose you remember your instructions regarding those papers?'"

"I told him I remembered distinctly he told me to see they were burned. He said: 'I never told you any such thing.' I insisted, and he then told me, if I could, in my testi-

mony, to avoid reference to the destruction of the papers, and that he would like it. I told him I would have to tell the truth, and he walked away, saying, 'Tell them anything you please.'"

"Cragin also said he could not remember my getting orders to burn the papers. He told me he had already testified to that effect, and he hoped I would make my story conform to his. He and Baackes both told me they hoped I would not say anything about the orders to burn the papers."

Whitney declared positively that both Baackes and Cragin tried to tell him what to say in his testimony.

Raynall Bolling, attorney for the steel trust, cross-examined Whitney. The witness admitted asking Cragin and Baackes after the papers were burned whether they remembered ordering their destruction, and that both had said they did not. He added:

"But I know the order was issued. Baackes said to me, 'Harry, I want you personally to see that those papers are burned.'"

Bolling's cross-examination failed to shake Whitney's story in the slightest degree.

RUSH WORK ON OREGON EASTERN

That between 200 and 300 men will be put on the construction work of the Oregon Eastern railroad in the Malheur canyon, west of this city, with in the next month is the reliable information coming to the Enterprise just as this issue went to press today, says the Vale (Oregon) Enterprise.

There is every reason to believe that the directors of the Harriman system will not even wait until July 1, when the general budget is to be given out, but that rush orders will be given out sooner for this section for the completion of the new trans-Oregon line in time for the new 1915 San Francisco exposition.

This means that Vale is to be the greatest railroad building center of the Northwest and that thousands of laborers will pass through the city on their way to the Malheur canyon scene of activity.

At present railroad building west of this city is moving slowly but surely, the small forces at the different camps having made great headway. Practically all of the first 15 miles of roadbed from this city on west is completed, and the enormous cut near the mouth of the canyon will be completed within 10 days. When it is known that this bit of excavation is 65 feet deep and some 1600 feet in length, it may be readily seen that the forces of the Utah Construction company have lost no time since operations started a few months ago.

At the big 2600-foot tunnel at mile post 39 the operations are well under way, and the big air drills have already penetrated 60 feet into the eastern end. The approach work has been a difficult undertaking, as the rocky bluff has had to be torn down to a height of 200 feet in order to properly construct the portal.

Considerable work has already been done on the approach on the other side of the mountain.

The Banks Brothers, who have the contract for the construction of the tunnel at mile post 59, and also some roadbed grading, are progressing rap-

GALLOWAY OPENS COURT TOMORROW

Judge Galloway will convene department No. 2 of the circuit court tomorrow at nine o'clock. The case of Christie against the city of Woodburn, for an injunction will be the case on trial at that time. At one o'clock tomorrow the case of Andrew J. Nelson against Elijah H. Nelson and C. N. Newton, a suit to remove a cloud to title on land, will be on trial. At nine o'clock, May 10th, a suit to foreclose a lien of C. E. Mason against W. H. Wilson, Louie M. Wilson and Alex. Daus, will come on for trial. At 1 o'clock, May 10th, the injunction suit of Ruth E. Sayre against John and Jane Moir will receive the attention of the court.

Roy Morgan has begun the foreclosure of a lien against R. and Effie A. Ritchey, involving title to land in the northern part of the city, the amount of money being \$958.20, which it is alleged is due the plaintiff for material used in the construction of a house and barn by the defendants. Other suits set for trial are as follows: May 15th at 1 o'clock, Williamson vs. Roberts, and at 9 o'clock a. m. May 16th, the divorce case of Naomi Solomon Carey against Richard W. Carey will be up for trial.

PURCHASED ROSEBURG'S WATER PLANT

It is reported on what seems to be good authority that the Welch interests are preparing to extend their operations to Southern Oregon. The Journal has been informed by those on the inside that Welch has purchased the Roseburg water and light plant from the Kessell Bros., of Pittsburg, Pa., who have owned them for some years past. While no public announcement of the deal has been made it seems certain that if not actually consummated, negotiations to that end are well under way.

Insane Man Kills Two.

Seattle, May 8.—Charles Ditton, aged 30, assistant dockmaster at the government navy yard at Bremerton, Wash., was instantly killed, and George W. Trahey, the dock master, wounded by John Haley, aged 45, who has been declared by physicians to be insane. Haley had the delusion that Trahey and Ditton conspired to prevent the government paying him a large sum of money. He had been in the employment of the government for 20 years. Haley was captured after the shooting.

Roosevelt Claims Ohio.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., May 8.—Following a conference here today with his campaign manager, Senator Dixon of Montana, and national Committeeman Ward of New York, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt declared that he was confident of sweeping Ohio, the home state of President Taft.

SAN DIEGO WILL FIRE THE I. W. W.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
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For some time the police have been watching a certain house, declaring that the I. W. W.'s, who have been conducting a "free speech" fight here, were making it their headquarters. Stevens and Heddon were on duty there last night. They say they were suddenly attacked in the dark by an unknown man, who fired on them with a revolver. Stevens fell with a wound in his arm, but returned the fire. Heddon, it is said, rushed at the man who was firing, but was struck on the head with an axe. A riot call was sent in, and police, militia, sailors and citizens responded.

Mikolash was found nearby fatally wounded. Heddon declares Mikolash is the man who struck him with the axe. Five men, said to be I. W. W.'s, were found in the garret of the house, and taken into custody.

The police, aided by citizens, started today in rounding up all I. W. W.'s, and those whom they declare sympathize with them. Among the prisoners is A. J. Van Ribber, secretary of the cooks' and waiters' union. All will be taken out of town, the police declare.

"The people are tired of these disturbances," declared Captain of Detectives Meyers today. "This marks the end of the disturbances here. We will clean the town of the I. W. W.'s and they will stay out."

The 84 alleged I. W. W.'s taken off a Santa Fe train at Old Town yesterday were sent north by police and citizens last night. They were escorted to the city limits and warned not to return.

Later it was declared that several members of the I. W. W.'s who were found in the house after the shooting including Woodford Hubbard, a leader, will not be sent out of town with the rest, but will be held and charged with conspiracy to commit murder. Hubbard was confined in a cell in the county jail, away from his comrades, who were in the detention room of the jail.

A thorough search of the K street house was made today, resulting in finding three loaded revolvers and a rifle, to which was attached a Maxim silencer. Two revolvers were found on the premises last night.

Captain Meyers said today that there may have been more guns, but this was all he knew about. He said that several of the detectives who

HAS ENDED FORTY-FIVE DAYS FAST

Dr. Linda Burfield Hazzard Today Completed Her Fast of 45 Days Undertaken to Prove Her Theory.

DUMBFOUNDS PHYSICIANS

Medical Fraternity Fixed Limit of Human Endurance Without Food at 14 Days--She Shows They Are Wrong--At Beginning of Fast She Weighed 142 Pounds, and at the End Only 102.

Seattle, Wash., May 8.—Dr. Linda Burfield Hazzard, the fasting specialist, who is under penitentiary sentence for the manslaughter of a patient, Miss Claire Williamson, who, according to the prosecution, was starved to death, concluded a self-imposed fast of 45 days here today.

Dr. Hazzard undertook the fast to refute the expert opinion of the medical men who testified against her at the trial, that the limit of human endurance without food was 14 days.

The fast was broken with a tablespoonful of rice, a teaspoonful of olive oil and six leaves of dead lettuce. She weighed 142 pounds 45 days ago. Today she tipped the scales at 102 pounds.

MAY DAY IS WELCOMED AT VARSITY

The May Day program is in full swing, and a spirit of peace and the enjoyment of a good dose of spring fever floods the Willamette campus today. The fair co-ed lounge beneath the shade of the maples, doing in the machine and enjoying the sing-song riddle affected by the college band, while, under the prancing roof of the old tabernacle the young braves painfully pile mother earth on the new indoor track, and hammer down the tennis courts ready for use. Everybody is happy, except a few irritated freshmen who wince this morning to find blasphemous bills pasted, with more or less regularity, around the campus taking their young names in vain, and demanding that they be pardoned for pasting the humanity with their feeble existence. As a matter of fact, in accordance with the city wise plan the sophomores knew nothing about the bills, but, considering the fact that the said sophomores were out in force some time during the night, and daubed a big red and white "14" on the grand stand, it seems no more than ordinary horse sense to conclude that they would be able to post some posters on the various buildings and fences, too. The funniest part of the whole thing,

THE LOSS BY MISSISSIPPI'S FLOOD \$50,000,000 AND WILL BE TWICE THAT

Mexicans Still Fighting.

Eagle Pass, Tex., May 8.—Fighting between rebels and fed-erals is in progress at Cuatro Ciénegas and Torreon today. The battle at Cuatro Ciénegas has been in progress since last night, when 1500 federals under Brigadier General Tracy Aubert attacked the main force of the rebels there.

PRESIDENT IS LASHING ROOSEVELT

Cincinnati, Ohio, May 8.—President Taft started his speech making early today, addressing a crowd of 1500 at Batavia at 5 a. m. Continued denunciation of Colonel Roosevelt featured the president's remarks, reference being made to the former president in every one of the 15 speeches he delivered today.

Spends a Week at Home.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Winchester, Ohio, May 8.—Announcement that President Taft would spend the last seven days before the Ohio primaries are held in Ohio, his home state, was made from the president's train here today. The president plans to return to Ohio from Washington next Sunday.

HAS SUED THE DESCHUTES LAND COMPANY

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Los Angeles, Cal., May 8.—Forty annual passes on various railroads, lost by R. C. Huston, Great Northern official, are blowing about Los Angeles today. Huston has offered a reward.

WILL NOT ACCEPT THE NOMINATION

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Berkeley, Cal., May 8.—On the eve of his departure to attend the Indianapolis Socialist convention Mayor J. Wilson announced today that he will not accept the presidential nomination, but will be a candidate for congress from the sixth California district, now represented by Joseph Knowland, a regular Republican.

Can't Cinch Honduras.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Washington, May 8.—Proposed treaties with Honduras and Nicaragua, whereby the finances of those republics should be reorganized with money obtained from a loan advanced by a United States syndicate, and their revenues handled by American officials, were rejected by the senate committee on foreign relations. A motion that the committee report in favor of the ratification of these treaties was lost by a vote of 7 to 7.

Will Be Back to Yote.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Pasadena, Cal., May 8.—I leave for Europe Saturday, but will return in the fall in time to vote for Whatabis-name, Republican candidate for president," said Robert J. Burdette here today. The Burdettes will tour England in an automobile and then pass a month in Bad Nauheim.

LaFollette Is Pleased.

San Francisco, May 8.—Fresh from a tour of interior counties in the interest of his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination, Senator Robert M. LaFollette arrived here today to hold his first San Francisco rally tonight. LaFollette declared himself in fighting trim for a rousing rally, and expressed pleasure at the reception extended him on his California tour.

Mental Gear Disarranged.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 8.—Ray Nettles' claim that a loose mental cog caused his habit of holding up street cars was exploded today by insanity experts. Epilepsy will be the next defense, according to his attorneys.

SITUATION GROWS WORSE DAILY AND END NOT IN SIGHT MILLIONS GIVEN FOR RELIEF

Another Bad Break in the Levees Last Night Sends a Flood Over Section Heretofore Considered Safe--Residents Take Refuge in Upper Stories of Their Homes and Are Marooned and Helpless--Two Small Towns Built on High Ground Now Islands in a Vast Sea.

Washington, May 8.—That the floods in the Mississippi valley have caused \$50,000,000 loss already, and probably will cause \$50,000,000 more, is the estimate announced by the government flood experts. The damage to cotton alone is stupendous, say the experts.

Congress already has appropriated \$2,250,000 for relief, and probably will find it necessary to add \$2,000,000 more to this fund.

Another Bad Break.

New Orleans, May 8.—Letisworth,

La., is imperiled today, being almost directly in the path of a rapid rush of water pouring through a gap in the levee. The residents have taken refuge in the upper stories of the buildings.

The towns of Maringouin and Grossett, both built on high ground, are islands.

The levee at the junction of the Mississippi and Old rivers, five miles below Torras, broke today, making a crevasse 100 feet wide.

An Old Fashioned Horse Trade.

Portland, Or., May 8.—Complaint is made that F. A. Johnson represented two horses as sound and in the prime of life "where as the mare had the blind staggers, the horse had the heaves and both were in their declining years."

Big Steamer Ashore.

Washington, May 8.—Wireless messages received here today state that the British steamer Indore, of Liverpool, is stranded on French reef, Florida straits. The revenue cutters Yamacraw and Forward are rushing to her assistance. The Indore is a ship of 4,775 tons.

RESOLUTIONS ARE AGAINST CATHOLICISM

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Minneapolis, May 8.—Declaring that the "Methodist Episcopal church recognizes that it is its plain duty to prosecute missionary enterprises in Greek and Roman Catholic countries with increasing zeal," he delegates to the quadrennial general conference of that organization today unanimously adopted a resolution declaring that Romanism deprives the people of the Bible, perverts many fundamental doctrine of Christianity and fosters superstitions which alienate the thinking classes and impose heavy burdens upon the poor.

The resolution concludes: "Resolved, that it is our duty to oppose the machinations of Romanism and to counteract its attempts to gain ever increasing control of our public schools and to use public funds for sectarian schools."

The conference adopted a resolution condemning the wearing of religious garb in government schools, intentionally censuring President Taft as a government official who ignored their protests against such use of this garb.

A resolution was adopted providing that no one who uses tobacco shall be elected to any office by the conference.

Got Off Luckily.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Vancouver, Wash., May 8.—Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones were only slightly injured when an automobile hit the buggy in which they were driving, although the buggy found a resting place on an embankment 80 feet away.

The Lid In His Pocket.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Portland, Or., May 8.—Patrolman Taylor was much surprised to see an ostrich feather projecting out of the coat pocket of O. E. Tait. He pulled it out and a woman's hat came with it. Tait now is charged with burglarizing a millinery establishment.

Portland is having an epidemic of accidents—more than a dozen serious ones occurring in the past week.

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