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BELMONT ON THE WITNESS STAND

Millionaire Horse Owner, Chairman Jockey Club and Westchester Race Association

SAYS HE HAS BEEN PERSECUTED

Mr. Belmont the Only One of Three Prominent Men Identified with Racing Interests Whom the New York Legislature Graft Investigating Committee Has Been Able to Subpoena—Keene and Whitney in Europe.

New York, Nov. 29.—August Belmont, millionaire horse owner and chairman of the Jockey club and the Westchester Racing association, took the witness stand this afternoon and stated to the legislative investigation committee that he considered he had been persecuted. "And I want to say," he added with emphasis, "that the Racing association and the Jockey club fought the anti-race track bills fairly."

Unable to Subpoena Keene and Whitney.

Mr. Belmont is the only one of a trio of prominent men identified with racing whom the committee has been able to get on the witness stand to testify concerning the charge that a $500,000 corruption fund was raised by the racing interests to combat the Hart-Agnew law prohibiting betting on horse races, which passed the legislature in 1908. Subpoenas for Mr. Belmont, James R. Keene and Harry Payne Whitney have been out for weeks, all having been mentioned as present at a conference at which the alleged fund was subscribed. Service has not yet been obtained on Messrs. Keene and Whitney, and their secretaries, both called as witnesses today, testified that they were in Europe.

Mr. Belmont Explains.

The Jockey club, Mr. Belmont explained in his opening testimony today, is a close corporation of fifty members brought into being some ten years ago by men interested in the turf. He was asked by what authority the Jockey club had assessed $5,700 on the Coney Island Jockey club, and replied that the money had not been paid as the result of an assessment, but contributed informally.

"There is no authority," he said, "that can be exercised by the Jockey club to influence payment of a fee by a racing association for legal purposes, but the associations, finding that they were to be persecuted, combined and retained attorneys to fight the legislation. This was purely a voluntary matter and there was absolutely no compulsion whatsoever in having the money raised to retain lawyers."

Considers It Persecution.

"To what do you refer when you say persecution of racing?" he was asked.

"Well, I may say that I was served with a subpoena by your committee in a way that I'd call persecution. I had no notification of the fact that you wanted me. An attempt was made to serve me the day before Thanksgiving day in a roundabout way by calling at my office and saying that I was wanted on a very pressing business matter. That is a reflection and it is persecution in that it made the community think I was trying to evade service.

Subpoena Dodgers.

"Now take Mr. Whitney. He is abroad arranging the international polo match. His stable is abroad and his interests are there. You post him as a subpoena dodger.

It was absurd, he added, to expect Mr. Whitney to charter a special steamer to come over to testify about "some mythical dinner that was printed in the newspapers and some mythical sum that was raised whose very size makes it ridiculous."

Chairman Bruce interrupted to say that it was on record that James R. Keene left this country after the committee issued a subpoena for him and after he knew the committee wanted him. As to Mr. Whitney, he said, it was not established when he sailed.

Fund Raised to Protect Racing.

"Tell me all you know about what funds were raised and how," asked Judge Bruce.

"I can't tell you how much," said Mr. Belmont, "but the acts of the association are public property and open to inspection, and the funds were raised pro rata among the various racing associations."

The witness admitted that there were several conferences held by the men interested in racing. "At one of these," he said, "a purse was made up to protect the racing association, but everything was open and well understood."

"Who was the custodian of these funds?"

"Sometimes I was," replied Mr. Belmont.

Metropolitan Jockey Club President Testifies.

Former State Senator William H. Reynolds followed Mr. Belmont on the stand. He is president of the Metropolitan Jockey club and he gave a detailed list of the amounts contributed by the Metropolitan to the Jockey club. In all, he said, $32,936 had been contributed from August, 1907, to May, 1909, all subscribed by the association in a legitimate manner and not by individuals.

"Were you ever approached by any member of the legislature saying that it would be wise for your association to raise a fund?" he was asked.

"I was not," he replied.

Milk Dealers' Case Legislation.

When Mr. Reynolds left the stand the committee suddenly and unheralded took up the activity of the Milk Dealers' Protective association. An employe of the Mutual Milk and Cream company, members of the association, testified that he went to Albany in connection with legislation in April, 1909.

"It was a can question," he explained.

"What do you mean?"

"Assemblyman Scott," he testified, "had a bill we didn't like. We wanted the old bill to remain. We saw Senator Richards, who drafted the original bill, to see what he could do."

"What happened with regard to the bill?"

"The old bill remained the same."

All laughed at this, including the witness, who added that representatives of various milk companies went with him to Albany.

JUSTICE LAYS THE LASH UPON A WIFE-BEATER

"Only One Kind of Punishment Fitting for Such Brutes as You."

Wilkes-Barre, Nov. 29.—Mrs. Albert Gey, a small, frail woman, with black and blue cuts and bruises on her head and arms, told Justice of the Peace J. C. Hayden of Swoyersville that her husband had beaten her. She said her body bore the marks of blows. Being beaten was not unusual, she said, and she could stand it no longer.

Justice Hayden sent a constable for Gey, who found the justice waiting with a heavy horsewhip in his hand.

"Take off your coat and get down on your knees. There is only one kind of punishment fitting for such brutes as you and you are going to get it."

With that he laid on heartily. Time and time again the whip descended on Gey's body as he writhed and begged for mercy. When he jumped on the justice thrust him down again and lashed him until he was out of breath. The justice then sent Gey home, with a warning that if he ever struck his wife again the punishment would be doubled.

COLD WEATHER PREDICTED.

Over Practically All District East of the Rockies.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Cold weather during the next few days over practically all districts east of the Rocky mountains is predicted by the weather bureau on reports of an extensive area of high barometric pressure over Alaska and the extreme northwest, where temperatures are now the lowest of the season.

During the past twenty-four hours much colder weather has prevailed in the Ohio valley, the gulf and South Atlantic states, and there were frosts as far south as north Florida.

DIES RUNNING TO WORK.

Late Breakfast Proves Fatal to a Boy Mill Hand.

Philadelphia, Nov. 29.—Running to reach his place of employment before the hour to begin work, Thomas Golden, 16 years old, dropped from exhaustion yesterday and died a few minutes later of heart failure.

The boy was employed at the Dobson mills. When he arose from breakfast he found he had only a few minutes to reach the mill, five blocks away.

"I'll have to run!" he said to his mother, as he picked up his dinner pail and started.

SUICIDE ON TOLSTOI'S GRAVE.

Grieving Coachman Opens Vein, Inconsolable for Count's Death.

Berlin, Nov. 29.—A despatch from Yasnaya Poliana to the Morgen Post says the coachman of the late Count Leo Tolstoi, who assisted the author in his flight, visited his master's tomb Sunday and committed suicide by opening a vein in his arm with a kitchen knife. The man, who had been inconsolable since Tolstoi's death, bled to death before he was discovered.

HAND NEARLY BITTEN OFF BY AN ANGEL FISH

Fisherman Almost Bled to Death Before Port Was Reached.

Boston, Nov. 29.—Favored by a gale of wind, Captain Nelson of the fishing schooner Reliance was able to land Thomas Key, a member of his crew, here today before the sailor bled to death from a wound made by a bite of a fish. Yesterday, while the Reliance was on the Georges bank, an angel fish, a species of shark, which had been caught in a trawl, bit Key's right hand, the sharp teeth almost severing it at the wrist.

Captain Nelson set all sail for Boston, and when a physician went on board at T wharf, Key was in a state of collapse, due to loss of blood. The fisherman will recover.

OHIO DOCTOR ARRESTED.

Charged With Selling Liquor in Violation of Law.

Oxford, Ohio, Nov. 29.—Dr. H. M. Moore, druggist and vice president of the Farmers' State and Savings bank, was arrested today on a warrant, sworn out by Dr. Guy P. Benton, president of Miami university, charging Dr. Moore with selling liquor in violation of the law.

It is charged that Dr. Moore sold liquor which was consumed at a card party held by five students in the college dormitory. Dr. Moore is an honor graduate of Miami and for eight years was medical director of the university.

OFF FOR THE ANTARCTIC.

British South Polar Expdeition Sails From New Zealand.

Christchurch, New Zealand, Nov. 29.—The ship Terra Nova, bearing the British South Polar expedition, under the command of Capt. Robert F. Scott, sailed from Port Chalmers for the Antarctic today.

The Terra Nova sailed from London on June 1st last and gradually worked her way south.

Captain Scott, who joined the vessel in New Zealand, hopes to reach the South pole in December of 1911.

SHOT DEAD IN A CHASE.

Toledo Policeman Kills Unknown Moving Picture Firebug.

Toledo, O., Nov. 28.—After he had broken into and set fire to a moving picture theater in the residence district of the city, an unidentified man was shot and almost instantly killed by Patrolman Carl G. Cruse early this morning, after the policeman had exchanged several shots with the stranger during a chase of nearly a block. The fire was extinguished a few minutes later with trifling damage.

Steamship Arrivals.

At London: Nov. 28, Minnetonka, from New York.

At Libau: Nov. 22, Birma, from New York.

At Genoa: Nov. 25, Ducca Degli Abruzzi, from New York; Luisiana, from New York.

Cabled Paragraphs

Lisbon, Nov. 29.—The medical officer of Madeira reports an epidemic of Asiatic cholera at Funchal, the capital of the island.

London, Nov. 29.—Florencio L. Dominguez, the Argentine minister to Great Britain, died today. He had held the post since 1901.

London, Nov. 29.—The mayor of Gravesend gave a luncheon today for Rear Admiral Murdock and the officers of the third division of the Atlantic fleet at the town hall.

The Hague, Nov. 29.—Parliament has adopted a bill granting state protection to foreign patents on payment of a small fee. Until now foreign inventions have not been protected.

Berlin, Nov. 29.—Play was resumed today in the eighth game of the championship chess match between D. Janowski and Emanuel Lasker. This game was adjourned Monday evening, when Janowski seemed to have a winning chance, but in the play today Lasker equalized matters and when a second adjournment was declared it was expected a draw would eventually result. The score: Lasker 4, Janowski 0, drawn 3.

TRIAL OF HATTIE LEBLANC ON CHARGE OF MURDER

Question of What Constitutes a "Dying Declaration" the Feature.

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 29.—The question of what constitutes a "dying declaration" overlaid all others at the second day of the trial today of Hattie LeBlanc, the Cape Breton girl, charged with the murder of her employer, Clarence F. Glover, a Waltham laundryman.

As a matter of fact, there was no trial at all today, for the jury filed in and filed out, with the witnesses after them, so that the district attorney and the defendant's counsel might substantiate to the satisfaction of Judge Bond that Glover was in "extremis mortis" when he declared that Hattie LeBlanc shot him.

Lawyer M. M. Johnson for the defense objected to the introduction of any such statement or even a reference to it by the prosecution.

Judge Bond listened all day to the evidence of those who stood around Glover in his last hours in Dr. Cousen's private hospital, a few yards from the laundry. Nearly all these witnesses were positive that Glover had accused Hattie LeBlanc, but many of them said he hesitated in making such a declaration and that others testified that he continually asked the doctors to operate upon him, remarking that unless they did so he was gone.

District Attorney Higgins admitted that he was surprised when Judge Bond at the opening of the session today decided not to admit this "dying declaration" until he heard the evidence to substantiate it. But in the afternoon, when Judge Bond announced that there should be no reference to the statement in the opening of the case to the jury, the district attorney jumped to his feet and declared that unless this statement of Glover's were allowed to go to the jury, the case of the prosecution would be very weak and that it must rely upon circumstantial evidence to prove its accusations against the girl.

The pleadings of the district attorney were so vehement that Judge Bond said he would withdraw his decision and would render two decisions tomorrow—first, whether the government should be allowed to refer to the declaration, and, second, whether it should be admitted as evidence.

So intense is the public interest in the case that more than a thousand men and women waited about the courtroom in a pouring rain before the opening of the afternoon session. When the doors were opened there was a rush for the courtroom, and after every seat had been taken the officers had their hands full in pushing back the remainder of the crowd.

It has been many years since such a hearing as that of today has preceded the taking of evidence in a murder trial in this state, and many members of the bar expressed great interest in the decision to be announced by Judge Bond tomorrow.

$30,000 FIRE AT HARTFORD, NOS. 61 AND 63 ASYLUM ST.

Eastern Paper Box Co. and Clothing Company Damaged.

Hartford, Nov. 29.—Fire in a four-story brick building at Nos. 61 and 63 Asylum street tonight, damaged the building and the business of the occupants to the extent of $30,000. The fire started on the top floor occupied by the Eastern Paper Box company, gutting the two upper stories and damaging the stock of the Gooley clothing company on the first floor and the M. P. Pembers Sons company on the second floor, mostly by water.

The building is owned by the estate of Erastus Collins. The cause of the fire is not known.

While the fire was in progress, Mrs. Ruth Willard, living in an adjoining building, was frightened by firemen passing through a hallway and suffered a stroke of paralysis. She is in a critical condition.

NO. 313 A HOODOO, WOULDN'T LIVE IN HOUSE

Unless City Authorities Changed the Number—Family's Misfortune.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 29.—Because his house was numbered 313, Captain Harvey Barney of No. 313 Lenox street, Fair Haven, today asked permission from the city authorities to change the number. Five years ago the house was numbered 293 Center street, and when the street name was changed the number was also changed. During the five years since the change, Captain Barney, who is 80 years old, says that five members of his family have died, the last his wife, who was burned to death, and he attributes the deaths to the number of the house. Permission was given the captain to change the number to 315.

TO DIVIDE MILLS MONEY.

Steps Taken by Mrs. Whitelaw Reid and Brother.

San Francisco, Nov. 29.—Ogden Mills and Mrs. Elizabeth Mills Reid, wife of Whitelaw Reid, American ambassador to England, filed a petition in the probate court here yesterday, asking for partial distribution of the estate of their father, D. O. Mills, who died in San Mateo last January. The California holdings of the estate are about $2,200,000. Their father's will made Ogden Mills and Mrs. Reid the executors, and the entire property was bequeathed to them, share and share alike.

Anna Volinsky Adjudged Insane.

New York, Nov. 29.—Anna Volinsky, a young woman recently arrested on a charge of making threats against Jacob H. Schiff, the banker, was reported to be insane today by Charles W. Dayton, a referee. Justice Guy of the supreme court approved the report and ordered Miss Volinsky sent to a hospital for the insane.

Retires After Forty Years

OF HONORABLE SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

ADVENTURE AND CAMPAIGNS

Major General Elliott Commanded the Marine Battalion on the March to Pekin—Saw Much Foreign Service.

Washington, Nov. 29.—After forty years of honorable service, filled with adventure and campaigns in foreign parts, Major General George F. Elliott, commandant of marines, will be retired tomorrow on account of age.

Promoted for Gallantry.

General Elliott is a native of Alabama, and entered the Marine corps in 1870. In 1885 he was a lieutenant of marines when a battalion was landed to protect the isthmus and conserve American interests during the fierce revolution resulting in the burning of Panama. He saw service on the North Atlantic squadron during the Spanish war, and was advanced three numbers for gallantry in the engagement at Guantanamo. A year later he was in the Philippines, and as a major led the second battalion of marines in the battle of Novaleta, earning the personal commendation of the secretary of the navy and of the military commander in the Philippines.

Present at Boxer Uprisings.

It was only natural that Major Elliott should play a part in the repression of the Boxer uprisings in China, and he commanded the marine battalion on that unprecedented military feat—the march to Pekin—which resulted in the relief of legationers. He became commandant of marines in February, 1903, and has been stationed in Washington since that date.

MANY VOLUNTEERS JOIN MAREDO REBEL FORCES.

Revolt in Southern Mexico More Serious Than in the North.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Gustavo A. Madero, brother of the leader of the revolution in Mexico, who is here representing the interests of the revolutionists, issued a statement tonight declaring that only skirmishes have taken place thus far with government troops, that large bodies of volunteers are constantly augmenting the revolutionist forces in Chihuahua, Durango and neighboring states, and that the revolt in Yucatan, Campache and southern Mexico is even more serious than in the north.

"Nearly 9,000 prisoners were in the prisons in Mexico City yesterday," said the statement, "and there have recently been many secret executions, several of them young army officers whose loyalty was under suspicion.

"General Diaz is reported in inside circles to be prostrated and to have threatened to dismiss Senor Cocio, the minister of war, because of the magnitude which the revolution has assumed."

STALE EGGS AND FISH FOR SECRETARY CHURCHILL.

Riotous Scenes at Colchester, Where Home Secretary Spoke.

Colchester, England, Nov. 29.—Riotous scenes attended the appearance here tonight of Winston Spencer Churchill, the home secretary. Thousands congregated in the streets, jeering and shouting. Many gathered around Mr Churchill's carriage, at which they threw fish, eggs and other missiles. Many of the windows in the liberal headquarters were smashed. A large drafts of police was sent out to patrol the streets, the authorities fearing counter demonstrations.

Reading, England, Nov. 29.—Mr. Asquith's meeting tonight was disturbed frequently by suffragist sympathizers, the majority of whom were thrown out.

PISTOL BATTLE, IDAHO FUGITIVE KILLED

And a Guard of the Idoho Penitentiary Fatally Injured.

Burns, Oregon, Nov. 29.—Arthur Fisher, a fugitive from the Idaho penitentiary, was killed and Daniel W. Ackley, a penitentiary guard, was fatally injured in a pistal battle here today. Fisher had been rearrested by Sheriff Richardson, and Ackley had come from Boise to take him back to prison. Richardson and Ackley were placing irons on Fisher, when he caught Ackley's revolver from its holster and fired at Richardson. The bullet missed, and Richardson shot Fisher, killing him In the melee Ackley was hit by a stray bullet and probably will die.

Parties Accused of Customs Frauds Offer to Compromise.

Washington, Nov. 29.—After a conference lasting throughout the day between Secretary MacVeagh, Collector Loeb of New York, Attorney General Wickersham and other officials of the New York customs, no decision was reached as to the action of the government with reference to the customs frauds in woolen and linings at the port of New York. The frauds are said to reach into hundreds of thousands of dollars, which have been lost to the government through undervaluations. The conference will be resumed tomorrow. Those who are accused of having defrauded the government are said to have offered to compromise, provided there is no prosecution.

Portrait of Julia Ward Howe in Faneuil Hall Collection.

Boston, Nov. 29.—A memorial painting of the late Julia Ward Howe will be added to the portrait collection in Faneuil hall, according to plans just perfected at a public meeting. The painting is to cost $3,000 and the money is to be raised by subscription. Mayor Fitzgerald has been made chairman of the committee to have charge of the matter. John W. Elliott, son-in-law of Mrs. Howe, has been commissioned to execute the painting.

Seattle Manager of United Wireless Telegraph Co. Arrested.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 29.—Robert H. Armstrong, local manager of the United Wireless Telegraph company, was arrested today and furnished a $500 bond for his appearance in New York on January 30, to testify in the government's case against Col. C. C. Wilson, president of the wireless company, who is accused of using the United States mails to defraud.

White Slaver Sentenced.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 29—David Westman, convicted of engaging in the white slave traffic, was sentenced in the federal court today to five years' imprisonment.

Irish Unionists' Message of Defi

POLITICIANS OF ALL PARTIES NERVE RACKED.

HOME RULE A MENACE

It Will Bring to Ireland Not Peace, But the Sword—Heavy Political Guns in Action Last Night.

London, Nov. 29.—The politicians of all parties are straining every nerve to crowd into a few weeks the work which in ordinary elections is spread over weeks or months. Nearly all the heavy guns were in action tonight.

Issues Narrowing Down.

The issues are narrowing down daily. The conservatives make much of the menace of home rule. They proclaim that the plan of the liberals for the reform of the house of lords means a single chamber government and put to the front their new policy of referendum.

Lansdowne's Scheme a Snare.

There is great fervor among the liberals, a feature being the sudden reforming zeal on the part of the lords, who claim that Lansdowne's referendum scheme is a snare because the parties would be unequally yoked together under it, that conservative measures would always sail smoothly through the house of lords, while the referendum would be invoked only for liberal bills which were distasteful to the peers. Moreover they estimate the cost of each appeal to the people at $10,000,000.

Defiant Message to Home Rulers.

The Irish unionists sent a message of defiance to home rules, to Mr. Balfour's meeting and deputations from the Nonconformists' Unionist association of England and six hundred ministers of non-Episcopal churches in Ireland have addressed Mr. Balfour in opposition to home rule.

Not Peace but the Sword.

At the Albert hall meeting the reading of the message from the Irish unionists caused much enthusiasm. "In all solemnity," said the message, "we now declare that home rule will bring Ireland not peace but the sword. If an Irish parliament is set up the unionists of the south allied with the men of Ulster will not acknowledge its authority. They will neither obey its decrees nor pay its taxes."

Balfour Favors the Referendum.

Mr. Balfour pronounced strongly in favor of the referendum as the best method of settling deadlocks between the two houses without requiring the reform of the house of lords and said it could be carried into effect before the house of lords was reformed. This he declared to be Lansdowne's plan. The cost of a referendum, he said, would be nearer $1,000,000 than the estimate of the liberals' $10,000,000.

He concluded by declaring that the cabinet was governed by its noisiest members, who were governed by John Redmond, who was governed by Patrick Ford. "Don't trust the puppets who are performing their parts on the stage," admonished Mr. Balfour. "Don't trust the Irish wire pullers. Don't trust the American paymaster who calls for a tune. Trust alone the sound pudgment and enlightened patriotism of the people of this country."

J. H. Seaverns, who was a member of parmament for the Brixton division of Lambeth 1906 and who was at one time a resident of Boston, has become the liberal candidate in the same constituency against Davidson Dalziel, unionist, once a resident of New York.

Defection from Liberal Party.

Lord Joicey, who was created a peer by the liberals, has announced his defection from that party because of its failure to provide for the defense of the country and for its alliance with the socialists. It is stated that several other liberal peers are tending in the same direction.

PUT-AND-CALL BROKERS BARRED AFTER DEC. 1ST.

Will Not Be Allowed to Use Foyer of the Stock Exchange.

New York, Nov. 29.—Under a rule promulgated today by the stock exchange so-called put-and-call brokers who for years have made the foyer of the exchange their trading headquarters will practically be barred from that room after Dec. 1. The new rule provides that persons who are not members of the exchange will be permitted to enter the foyer only for interviews with members, and must retire as soon as this business is concluded.

Although intended as a smoking room for exchange members, there are two stock tickers in the foyer, and they have been utilized by the put-and-call traders. Offensive actions by some of these brokers are said to have caused the closing of the room to them.

Passing of Historic Old Steamboat, Mary Powell.

Kingston, N. Y., Nov. 29.—After 50 years of service as a passenger carrier on the Hudson, the historic old steamboat Mary Powell is to be retired at the close of the 1911 river season. The Mary Powell in years gone by was one of the fastest boats afloat and was called the "Queen of the Hudson." Fitting ceremonies will mark her retirement.

Elihu Root's New York Residence Sold for $350,000.

New York, Nov. 29.—Senator Elihu Root today sold his handsome residence, at the southwest corner of Park avenue and Seventy-first street to a New Yorker whose name was not made public, at a price said to be between $325,000 and $350,000. Senator Root is living in the house now, but his political duties made it of little use to him.

Driven to Harbor by Heavy Northeaster.

Boston, Nov. 29.—A northeasterly storm with heavy rain, which swept the New England coast all day, continued tonight and forced the many vessels driven to harbor during the past few days by the storm off shore to remain at anchor. No marine disasters had been reported up to tonight.

Love Affair and Attempted Suicide.

Woodbury, Conn., Nov. 29.—While working at the power house of the local electric light company here today Frederick K. Hill, 22 years old, son of the electrician of the plant, attempted suicide by shooting himself in the head with a revolver. Hill was given aid by a local physician and taken to a Waterbury hospital. The cause of the attempted suicide is said to have been despondency over a love affair.

Condensed Telegrams

Rev. M. A Starr was found dead from heart disease in his home in Philadelphia.

Rev. Beverly Ellison Warner dropped dead from heart disease in his home in New Orleans.

The Trial of Joseph Wendling, accused of the murder of 8 year old Alma Kellner, began in Louisville, Ky.

Rear Admiral Vreeland and officers of American Atlantic fleet visited the arsenal dockyard at Cherbourg, France.

Edward Lawton of Hartford, Ct., is reported killed and two Americans wounded in a battle at Parral, Mexico.

The French Government has asked parliament to appropriate 8,000,000 francs for sufferers from the Paris floods.

A Complaint Was Filed by independent milk shippers against New England roads, charging discrimination in favor of the chartered car service.

George Frederick Seward, for seventeen years the president of the Fidelity and Casualty company, died in New York. Death was due to hardening of the arteries.

The Trial of L. C. Delaney, charged with giving a bribe to State Senator Bilbo to influence his vote in choosing a senatorial candidate, was resumed in Yazoo City, Miss.

A Conference Was Held of Lawyers representing the big railroads with the interstate commerce commission on the long and short haul clause in the interstate commerce law.

The Supreme Court was asked to review the trial of Frederick A. Hyde and John H. Schneider, convicted of conspiracy, with John A. Benson and Henry P. Dimond, to defraud the government out of lands in California and Oregon.

Clarence A. Walters, a partner of John F. Brigg & Sons, woolen importers, with offices in New York, was arrested by a United States marshal, charged with effecting the entry of a case of woolen cloth at less than its true value.

The Massachusetts Democratic state committee received $42,548 during the past year and spent $36,419 in the recent campaign, according to the sworn statement of the committee filed with the secretary of state yesterday. The largest contributor was Gov.-elect Eugene N. Foss, who gave the committee $34,916.

Representatives of the Striking Garment Workers of the clothing firm involved and of the Chicago common council designated at a peace committee will meet today in an effort to terminate the strike, which already cost approximately $5,000,000 in wages, $7,500,000 in business, and has affected 15,000 families.

Judge Holt of the United States district court in Buffalo yesterday granted an appeal from the decision recently rendered adjudicating bankrupt involuntary proceedings, the Herrick-Curtis company, aeroplane manufacturers, of Hammondsport, N. Y. The motion for appeal charged numerous errors in the statement of the company's financial status.

NO REPORT AT PRESENT

By Commission Appointed to Look Into Control of Railroad Securities.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The commission appointed by President Taft to inquire into the character of legislation for the control of stock and bond issues by railroads will have no report to make for some time. The hearings opened by the commission in Washington yesterday are for the purpose of securing the views and opinions of federal and state authorities before any general plan for federal control is taken up.

President Hadley of Yale university said at the conclusion of today's hearing, at which Massachusetts state commissioners appeared, that it will take some time for the members of the commission to sift out and make accessible the information that is being secured. During his visit to Europe President Hadley procured much valuable information, but a great part of it is in documentary form and only now is being received by the commission.

Correspondence is being carried on with state authorities, railroad officials and leading writers on railroad and economic subjects to get before the commission their views of federal regulation of the issuance of securities.

INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED FREIGHT RATE INCREASES.

Arguments for Eastern Cases Will Be Heard Dec. 9.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Five expert witnesses for the shippers testified today before the interstate commerce commission in its investigation of the proposed rate increases, and upon adjourning until tomorrow the commission announced that the arguments for the eastern and western increase cases, consolidated, would be heard here Dec. 9.

Today's testimony tended to show that the proposed increases, which the roads claim will involve a net additional revenue of $27,000,000 in the official classification territory, extending from New England to the Mississippi river and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers, were unjust and unfairly distributed.

J. J. GALLAGHER INDICTED.

Charged With Assault With Intent to Kill Mayor Gaynor.

New York, Nov. 29.—James J. Gallagher, who shot Mayor Gaynor last June, was indicted today by the grand jury in Hudson county, New Jersey, charged with assault with intent to kill on the mayor and William Edwards, street cleaning commissioner. Another charge placed against Gallagher was that of carrying concealed weapons. Gallagher has been held in jail since his attack on the mayor, awaiting the result of the injuries which he inflicted.

Fined $10 for Display of Offensive Poster.

New York, Nov. 29.—Richard Morris, a theatrical manager, was fined ten dollars in police court today for violation of an ancient ordinance which prohibits the display of posters depecting any act which could be classed as criminal. The fine was paid under protest, and Morris' counsel gave notice that he would appeal. The poster in question depicted a woman in the act of stabbing a man.

Wendling Jury Completed.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 29.—The jury which will try Joseph Wendling on the charge of murdering eight year old Alma Kellner was completed today and the hearing of evidence will begin tomorrow. The trial bids fair to progress rapidly.

NO GENERAL PENSION LEGISLATION

Is Expected At The Coming Short Session Of The Sixty-First Congress

MANY PRIVATE BILLS PENDING

It is Not Believed that the Pension Appropriation Bill Will Exceed $145,000,000—Important Bill Before the Senate Concerning Widows Who Married Soldiers After June 27, 1910—No Tariff Legislation.

Washington, Nov. 29.—No general legislation is expected at the coming pension legislation is expected at next ant measure now before congress, designed to remove the restriction which has kept many widows of soldiers off the pension rolls, is upon the senate calendar; but Senator McCumber, the chairman of the senate pensions committee, and other members of the committee are not in favor of further consideration of the bill during the Sixty-first congress.

Barred from Receiving Pensions.

Widows who married soldiers after June 27, 1890, are now barred from receiving pensions. The bill before the senate is to remove this restriction and permit any soldier's widow to receive the benefits of the pension system. This would add approximately $20,000,000 to the pnesion rolls, according to estimates made by pension officials, and the wisdom of the removal of the restriction is seriously questioned.

Thousands of Private Bills.

Thousands of private pension bills are pending before the two houses of congress. All of these measures that have been passed upon and approved by the committee will be submitted for passage, and members of the senate committee expect that from 2,500 to 3,000 such bills will be passed. Most of these are to increase pensions, where the general law does not give sufficient authority.

The pension appropriation bill will not exceed $145,000,000, it is believed. For the present fiscal year the appropriation is about $155,000,000, and for the last year the pension expenditures were in excess of $162,000,000.

NO TARIFF LEGISLATION THE COMING SESSION,

Declares Senator Hale—No Combination of "Insurgents" With Democrats.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Senator Eugene Hale of Maine, republican leader of the senate by virtue of his position as chairman of the party caucus and of the senate committee on appropriations, foresees little of accomplishment in the coming short session of congress. Beyond the passage of the usual appropriation bills and possibly of an apportionment measure and one providing an ocean mail bounty, he believes no important business will be transacted.

What Victorious Democrats Will Do.

"The democratic party," he said today, "has captured the house of representatives by a great majority, and has almost captured the senate, and with the country apparently behind that party, it will, I have no doubt, insist upon taking its natural responsibilities.

"Should an expiring congress, in its last days, undertake, by any deathbed action, to rob the victorious party of its natural inheritance, it will be resisted to the utmost, and nothing will follow but a protracted struggle which will shut out certain important measures which otherwise may perhaps carry in both houses."

No Tariff Legislation.

Mr. Hale was emphatic in his declaration that there would be no tariff legislation in the coming session. The senator went so far as to express the conviction that while the president may suggest a general programme, he will not try to force it on congress. Mr. Hale made it clear that he was not speaking for the president, nor in any way forecasting the probable attitude of the chief executive.

The question of an extra session, he said, was "most improbable."

Defeated Party Will Get Together Again.

Mr. Hale declared he did not look forward to a combination of the so-called insurgent force with the democratic party, "either now or hereafter." He stated that he fully expected to see the republican party in congress get together again and present a united front to the majority. Incidentally, he referred to the insurgent leaders as men of "conviction and natural force of character."

"Whom the Lord loveth, He chasteneth," said the senator, "and the defeats of 1910 will do the party good. It must bear its reverses and make the best of it. Painful as it all is, it must submit to its temporary reverses and defeats and must bear up as well as it may, under even such calamities as the repulse of Roosevelt and the lamentable overthrow of Beveridge."

Mr. Hale declared he had little fear of any long continuance of democratic ascendency in politics. Republican policies, under President Taft's leadership, he said, "would triumph again."

REPORT OF CONNECTICUT STATE COMPTROLLER.

$8,054,941.06 Received and $6,940,703.48 Expended in Year Ending Sept. 30.

Hartford, Conn., Nov. 29.—The report of State Comptroller Thomas D. Bradstreet for the year ending Sept. 30, shows that $8,054,941.06 were received and $6,940,703.48 were expended. The receipts for the year were $2,437,037.10 greater than for the year 1909 and the expenditures $1,059,824.76 greater than those of a year ago. The balance of civil list funds in the treasury is given as $1,164,847, an increase of $1,104,154.94 in 1909. The net debt of the state is $3,144,253, an increase of $1,130,846.06.

Automobile fees during the year brought in $159,174.11. The inheritance tax was $439,849.67, while the tax on steam railroads was $1,542,329.45. The tax on savings banks was $598,407.08 and on mutual life insurance companies $406,716.21.

The general assembly cost $45,668.68 and judicial expenses $621,488.14, and the highway commissioner expended $1,200,945.86. Special commissions cost the state $731,132.09 and the national guard $291,904.29 and common school $743,429.11. The sum of $808,628.64 was expended for humane institutions, and bridges and ferries cost $231,801.43. The state police department cost $31,576.40 and $195,691.85 was expended by the tuberculosis commission. The state board of mediation and arbitration expended but $100.49. This is the smallest sum expended by the board since 1901, when the expense was $106.20.

The executive offices cost $69,922.35, a sum which exceeds by about $11,000 the cost for any one year since 1901.

WRIGHT BROTHERS SUE CLAUDE GRAHAME-WHITE.

Alleged Infringements of Patent Rights for Heavier Than Air Machine.

New York, Nov. 29.—Claude Grahame-White, the English aviator, was served today in a suit instituted in the United States circuit court by the Wright company in which infringement of patent rights for a heavier than air machine is alleged and an injunction sought.

The complaint asserts that before importing and using the machine in this country Grahame-White knew that the federal courts had sustained the Wright patent in the cases against Louis Paulhan and the Herring-Curtiss company and Glenn H. Curtiss.

Mrs. Weston Loses Claim to Her Husband's Estate.

Lacrosse, Wis., Nov. 29.—The claim of Mrs. Mattie A. Weston of Au Sable, Mich., to the estate of Clinton H. Weston, a wealthy lumberman of this city, was disposed of today when a record was discovered in the office of the clerk of court of this county showing that Weston had obtained a divorce from his wife in 1879. Mrs. Weston claims that this was the first knowledge she had that a divorce had ever been granted. She and her husband have been living apart a number of years. In Lacrosse Weston was known as a single man.

Fire Destroyed 2,000 Pounds Nitro-Glycerine.

Gary, Ind., Nov. 29.—Fire in the nitrator building of the Aetna Powder company's dynamite and nitro-glycerine mill near here today destroyed 2,000 pounds of nitro-glycerine and for a time threatened the entire town of Aetna. The fire started when the chemicals used in making nitro-glycerine were mixed in wrong proportions. In the face of possible death, practically every man in Aetna responded when the alarm of fire was turned in, and confined the flames to the one building.

FOREIGN STEAMSHIP OWNERS CONTROL AMERICAN SHIPPING.

Further Testimony Before Congressional Investigating Committee.

New York, Nov. 29.—Testimony that steamship companies which are owned abroad absolutely control American shipping and have spent money freely to foster feeling against an American marine was offered today before the congressional committee holding sessions here to investigate charges that a steamship lobby was maintained at Washington. William H. Douglas, who formerly represented a New York district in congress, was the witness who made these statements.

"As conditions are now," Mr. Douglas testified, "the American merchant is handicapped. The foreign steamship owners make a rate at Hamburg, London and Paris that controls the export shipment of an article to this country. Even if the American should charter a steamer for his own freight, he would not be able to obtain additional freight to make up a cargo."

Similar conditions govern trade between the United States and South America, Mr. Douglas said, as all the lines plying between the two countries are owned abroad, and foreign steamship companies, he asserted, had spent money freely to influence sentiment against American shipping.

"How?" he was asked.

"By preparing articles for the newspapers, which were widely distributed, and the employment of agents."

"While you were a member of congress did you ever know of money being spent there by agents to influence legislation, through the giving of dinners or anything else?"

"I think there was."

"Did you ever meet the agents or know them?"

"I hardly think they would want to know me."

Mr. Douglas added that although foreign companies had used whatever influence they possessed in shaping legislation and had paid men to represent them in Washington, he believed that, strictly speaking, they had not violated any law. And his testimony, he said, should be taken as facts rather than criticisms.

"CANDY BANDIT" INDICTED

On Two Charges of Murder and Threes of Highway Robbery.

Chicago, Nov. 29.—Leigh Rhodus, the "candy bandit," so called because of his confession to East St. Louis police that he followed a life of crime to supply his young bride with candy and flowers, today was indicted by the Cook county grand jury on two charges of murder and three of highway robbery.

The killings charged were those of Dr. William Micaelis, Aug. 5, and Anton Helbig, Aug. 7. His trial has been set for next week.

Death of Rev. Sylvester Scovel.

Wooster, O., Nov. 29.—The Rev. Sylvester F Scovel, president of the American branch of the International Peace society and former president of Wooster university, died at his home here tonight. Dr. Schovel succumbed to an attack of pneumonia which he contracted on Thanksgiving day. He was 75 years old. Dr. Scovel was born in Harrison county, Ohio, in 1835. He entered the Presbyterian ministry and served as pastor in churches in Jefferson, Ind., Springfield, Ohio, and Pittsburg, before being elected as head of the university here.

The Los Angeles Dynamiting Outrages.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 29.—The illness of three jurors prevented the session today of the special grand jury investigating the Los Angeles dynamiting outrages and the return of expected indictments. It is believed that indictments will be voted tomorrow against four suspects.