

HOLE BORER TELLS IT ALL

Stitzer Pardoned by President Taft Makes Full Confession About the Sugar Swindles.

DEFENSE IN PANIC

Checkers Who were Caught were Paid Their Salaries by the Company Right Along.

NEW YORK, May 23.—The man who bored the holes in the scales, through which springs were manipulated to defraud the government of two million dollars in duties on imports by the sugar trust, told the whole story under oath today.

He was Oliver Stitzer, for 25 years superintendent of docks of the trust, convicted last December of conspiracy to defraud the government and sentenced to two years at Atlanta prison. Restored to all of his rights by a full pardon by President Taft, he took the stand to testify against the secretary of the trust and others now on trial.

He related the story of the fraud, implicating all of the checkers, Bendernagle and Earnest W. Gerbracht, former superintendent.

Stitzer swore that he had received his own and the wages of all discharged checkers up to the time he was sent to prison and that Gerbracht paid it to him. His story threw the defense into confusion.

The witness today related various conversations he had with former superintendents, who are among the men on trial. Whenever he desired to raise the wages of the checkers he said he had to take the matter up with others. Bendernagle would mark the envelopes \$15 when they contained \$18 in order that others would not know of it.

Witness contradicted his former testimony and told of boring the holes in the scales and arranging for the signal lights which were used to warn the checkers of the presence of inspectors.

He said that following the raid on the docks, the checkers came to him and asked if they were to lose their jobs. He told them that Gerbracht had promised to take care of them. Gerbracht told him to go home and he would see him later. He did so and from that time on, met him once a week and gave him a packet of money out of which he took his wages and the wages of the other discharged men. This kept up until witness was sent to the Atlanta prison.

GETTING READY TO GREET TEDDY

The Colonel is Due to Arrive Back Home on the Morning of June 18.

NEW YORK, May 23.—The reception to be given Colonel Theodore Roosevelt upon his return to this country, June 18, will, it has been decided, be national in scope as well as non-political. Cornelius Vanderbilt, chairman of the committee, therefore announces to the country at large that any organization in good standing will be given a position along the line of march. Applications should be made immediately to Captain A. F. Cosby, secretary of the committee, and addressed to No. 146 Broadway, New York.

Colonel Roosevelt will arrive on the Kaiserin Auguste Victoria and will reach Quarantine on the upper bay at 9 o'clock and will leave the steamship for a revenue cutter which will lead the welcoming flotilla to the battery. Here there will be brief exercises and an official welcome by Mayor Gaynor. The procession will then proceed up Broadway to Washington Square, through the Square to Fifth Avenue and up Fifth Avenue to 59th street. The entire route will be decorated with the national colors and lined with thousands upon thousands of admirers of Colonel Roosevelt.

As the hotels are already booking many guests, the committee advises that reservations be engaged without delay.

Lightning Strikes Oil Tanks. SOUR LAKE, Texas, May 23.—A severe electrical storm, accompanied with rain and wind, did extensive damage to derricks and other oil field property in this vicinity. Lightning struck a steel tank, setting fire to and destroying its contents of 30,000 barrels of oil, valued at \$4 a barrel. This is the second storm in this vicinity within a week, which has caused a loss to oil interests estimated at an amount aggregating \$150,000.

MORMONS SHAKEN IN THEIR BEDS

Earthquake Shock Awoke the Natives and Their Wives at an Early Hour on Sunday Morning.

ADOBE HOUSES CRACKED

Considerable Damage to Crockery and Chimneys, But Shock Was of But Very Slight Character.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, May 23.—Sunday morning slumber of this city was disturbed by a violent rocking of the earth, which lasted apparently about two seconds, although the seismograph at the State University recorded a disturbance of thirty seconds.

The earthquake was quite sharp and caused considerable damage to crockery, chimneys and old adobe houses. The tremor was local, being confined within a radius of fifty miles.

Slight damage is reported from the towns of Bingham and Garfield. The shock occurred at 7:28 a. m. and was followed by two other shocks, one at 8:38 a. m. and the other at 11:24.

Scientists explain today that the recent slight earthquakes felt here were caused by the slipping of a great section at the base of the Wasatch mountains. They expect a few more slight earthquakes in the next few months, but declare it will be impossible for any of them to assume dangerous proportions.

Fell Dead on Street.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., May 23.—Wm. Mellette dropped dead on the street today. He was former states attorney.

TOM DENISON MARKED MAN

Infernal Machine Placed in Front of His House Did Not Explode According to Plans.

HE IS A POLITICAL BOSS

Little Child Found the Death Dealing Ambush and was Too Weak to Fire It.

OMAHA, Neb., May 23.—An infernal machine consisting of 23 sticks of dynamite and a revolver, in a suit case, was found on the steps of Tom Denison's home by his infant son. The child was unable to lift the suit case which saved its life. Had the suit case been lifted, the revolver would have exploded, setting off the dynamite and wrecking the house. Denison has for years been the political boss of Omaha and Frank Brinkman is under arrest on suspicion.

WALKING ARSENAL TAKEN ON TRAIN

Had Pistol, Two Bowie Knives and Pint of Apple Jack on His Person.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 23.—A J. Mulcahy, a native Kentuckian, is today awaiting trial on a charge of assault with intent to kill and Albert Chadwick is in a serious condition in a local hospital as the result of a gun play performed on a Pennsylvania train here.

When overpowered Mulcahy surrendered a revolver, two bowie knives, thirty extra cartridges and a pint of apple jack.

Many Complaints.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—In the publication today of the printed reports of the last day's session of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation committee, a number of grievances against both the forestry and interior departments were made public. Several complaints have been received since the first of January, charging violation of the law.

WANTS CAPITAL AS DRY TOWN

Iowa Delegation at Sunday School Convention Urge Congress to Put the Lid on Washington.

URGE STRONG MOVEMENT

Rev. Fisch Presents the Resolution at the World's Meeting and the Matter May be Taken Up.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Urging in the convention to unite in a monstros movement to eradicate the saloons from the national capital, Rev. Frank S. Fisch of the Iowa delegation today introduced a resolution before the World's Sunday school convention demanding action by congress.

The resolution recites that the saloon is the greatest instrumentality in the world for impoverishing men. It calls upon congress for the enactment of legislation which shall make Washington a strict prohibition city. Iowa is for the resolution and will lead the fight before congress.

Cornet Factory Burned.

ELKHART, Ind., May 23.—C. G. Conn's band instrument factory was totally destroyed by fire, causing a loss of about \$500,000, with insurance of \$80,000. Night Watchman Roy Edgerly was burned to death. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Kaiser Leaves for Home.

LONDON, May 23.—The kaiser brought his stay in London to a close today, leaving for his imperial yacht which will carry him to Suffolk where he will take a train for Berlin.

MYSTERY AGAIN IN SNELL FAMILY

Son of the Millionaire Banker Who was Murdered is Found Dead in Cheap Rooming House.

CAUSE NOT DETERMINED

Is Not Known Yet Whether It is a Case of Murder, Suicide or Natural Death.

CHICAGO, May 23.—Albert J. Snell, son of Amos J. Snell, millionaire, who was murdered in his house here in 1888, was found dead in bed today, in a cheap rooming house. Snell was 50 years old. He had lived in the rooming house for a year. The police made a close examination of the little room where the man met death in obscurity. They are unable to determine whether he committed suicide, was murdered, or died of natural causes.

CONDITION OF THE PUGILISTS

Johnson Losing Flesh too Fast and Corbett is Coming to See Jeffries.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—After a long run this morning Jack Johnson decided to do little work today, being satisfied with the condition he showed yesterday in his boxing and gymnasium work. The big negro has been taking off flesh too fast. Jeffries worked out yesterday for the benefit of visitors and is considered in good condition. Jim Corbett is expected here tomorrow.

Flood at Chillicothe Feared.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., May 23.—A severe storm swept Chillicothe and Livingston county early Sunday morning. Rain, which fell for two hours, was accompanied by hail, which damaged vegetables and fruit. Grand River is out of its banks in places and the water is over the bottoms. Farmers fear a repetition of the overflow of last year, when Livingston county was damaged \$6,000,000 by high water.

ANARCHISTS BY THE WHOLESALE

Whole Tribe of Them is Uncarthed by the Confession of One and the Officers Are Getting Busy.

WERE AFTER THE KING

Four Thousand Implicated in the Plots and They will be Arrested in Various Parts of the World.

LISBON, May 23.—Through the confession today of an anarchist named Remeieres, one of the conspirators in the assassination of King Carlos and Crown Prince Ruiz of Portugal in February, 1908, the identity of 1,146 other conspirators in this crime has been revealed. Remeieres says that the leaders in the plot are still in communication with each other, their ultimate end being the assassination of King Emmanuel.

Today's confession shows that the plot was more widespread than the police suspected and that sixty prominent politicians were involved.

The authorities expect to implicate at least 4,000 persons and are now engaged in obtaining evidence for the extradition from New York, London, Paris and Rio Janiero of the leaders of the regicide band.

Mrs. Erder on Trial.

ST. LOUIS, May 23.—Charged with the murder of her husband, William J. Erder, a St. Louis postal clerk, Mrs. D. E. Doxey was placed on trial here today. Dr. L. B. Doxey, the defendant's latest husband, is under indictment on the same charge, but will probably be tried later.

TEXAS WEATHER BREAKS RECORD

Coldest May in History of the Lone Star State and Much Damage Has Been Done.

COTTON AND CATTLE

Live Stock Perishes by the Summer Blizzard and Crop Loss will be Very Large.

DALLAS, Texas, May 23.—All records for May weather were broken in Texas today when the temperature of early this morning dropped below 50. A misty rain has fallen all day. It is feared crops will be greatly damaged. Snow fell in flurries in many parts of the state today.

The telephone companies report 2,000 poles down. About 15,000 acres of cotton is damaged and 10,000 cattle killed.

Lightning struck an oil tank near Sour Lake and destroyed 30,000 gallons of oil. The total damage caused by the storm will exceed \$2,000,000.

CHICAGO RAILWAY IN RECEIVERSHIP

Unable to Pay Westinghouse Bill on Account of the Judgments Against it.

CHICAGO, May 23.—The Chicago Railroad company was unexpectedly thrown into the hands of a receiver today at noon. U. S. Circuit Judge Grosscup appointed Henry C. Blair and John F. Roach as receivers on the petition of the Westinghouse Electrical Manufacturing company. The traction company owes the petitioners \$69,000, which it is unable to pay on account of judgments aggregating \$1,300,000 outstanding against it.

Why He Did It.

"So you read every word of the reports of that investigation." "Yes." "And you feel benefited?" "Unquestionably. I won my bet with the man who thought I wouldn't have the necessary nerve and endurance."

EXPECTS U.S. TO STOP WAR

This is Said to be the Hope of Estrada and His Reason for Resisting the Rule of Madriz.

BATTLE NEAR RAMA

Reported That Madriz Forces Are in Precarious Condition There and May Have to Surrender.

BLUEFIELDS, May 23.—Final intervention by the United States to put a stop to the civil war in Nicaragua was admitted today by one of the political advisors of Provisional President Estrada, to be the sole object of Estrada's prolongation of the war, he, realizing he can never overthrow Madriz, but he hopes the U. S. will step in and select some third man as president who is not affiliated with any faction.

It is stated in Bluefields that a small force of insurgents under Gen. Mena made a felt with slight loss in front of the government force commanded by Gen. Chavarrias, by this means covering operations in the rear, where the insurgents, commanded by Gen. Moncada, cut the communications of the Madriz columns with Muelle De os Rueyes, forty miles west of Rama. The insurgents captured ammunition and supply trains and destroyed 200,000 rifle and quick-fire cartridges. The entire insurgent force is now said to be attacking Rama, in which place there is neither food nor ammunition. The Madriz forces are said to be surrounded. It is expected by the insurgent sympathizers that news of the surrender of Rama will be received shortly.

RAILROAD BILL PROGRAM OUT

Making of New Bill will Begin Last of This Week if the Regulars' Plan is Carried Out.

LONG AND SHORT HAUL

The Big Fight will be Waged Over This Clause which is Included in the House Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—If the program of the regulars goes through President Taft's railroad bill will be sent to committee by the last of this week and the making of a new bill will begin.

The big fight will be waged over the long and short haul clauses, included in the house bill. An overwhelming majority placed this feature in the house bill and the house conferees are expected to make a strong fight to retain it.

The senate conferees will be against the house clause. The sections of the house bill relating to the regulation of capitalization by the commission will cause trouble. The senate has not voted on the question.

COULD NOT DIVIDE SPOILS SATISFACTORILY

One Pickpocket Shot and Killed When Three Men Counted their Stealings.

CHICAGO, May 23.—David Flynn shot yesterday, in what the police believe to have been a fight over the division of money gained by picking pockets, died today in a local hospital. Flynn, before he died, told the police he believed Joseph Henbury fired the shot which caused his death. Henbury and Morris Flynn, a brother of the dead man, are under arrest.

To Detect Presence of Chicory.

Pure ground coffee will not discolor cold water until it has been soaked for some time, while the addition of chicory as an adulterant will immediately impart a brownish hue.

THREE BULLETS IN SCHOOL TEACHER

Girl Found Dead in Bed is Hotel and Santa Fe Conductor is Held on Suspicion by Police.

HE SAYS IT WAS SUICIDE

Girl Spent the Night in Tears and Threatened to Kill Her Companion and Also Herself.

PEORIA, Ill., May 23.—Miss Minnie Ahlers, aged 29, a school-teacher of Princeville, was found dead in bed in the Metropolitan hotel in Peoria at 7 o'clock Sunday morning with three bullet wounds in her body.

S. E. Easterly, aged 27, of Chillicothe, a freight conductor for the Santa Fe, is in jail here, but has not yet been charged with the crime. Easterly and Miss Ahlers came to Peoria at noon Saturday and registered at the hotel. According to Easterly, the girl spent half the night in tears. He arose a few moments prior to the shooting, dressed and made his way to the buffet below. He was absent for about fifteen minutes, and says upon his return to the room discovered the body.

Deputy Sheriff Hurff went with the prisoner to Chillicothe where Easterly said that in his room might be found a revolver with which the girl had threatened herself and him, as well as letters written by her to him containing threats of suicide. Neither the weapon nor the letters could be found.

Mines Are Open.

SAGINAW, Mich., May 23.—The Michigan coal mines reopened today.

SUNDAY CYCLONE DOWN AT CAIRO

Four Houses were Wrecked by the High Wind Which Swept the Town at 7 O'clock.

IT WAS 100 FEET WIDE

One House Turned Topsy Turvy and Barn was Carried 200 Feet and Landed in Coal Yard.

CAIRO, Ill., May 23.—A tornado which swept over Cairo at 7 o'clock last night wrecked four houses.

One of the houses, occupied by the family of H. M. Smith, was turned upside down upon a vacant lot adjoining the premises. Two women and six children were in the house and escaped badly frightened and bruised by the furniture that fell upon them.

Another house, occupied by the family of Arthur Lanquist, was blown from its foundation and a third occupied by William Wise's family, was unroofed and the roof carried half a mile away by the storm.

The houses were in a thickly settled neighborhood in the upper part of the city and were picked out by the storm from among scores of others. Many trees were blown down. A large barn was carried 200 feet and landed on a coal shed. Other houses lost porches and several were unroofed. The tornado appeared to be about 100 feet wide.

Cownie Makes Denial.

DTS MOINES, May 23.—Refuting insinuations made against him by Governor Carroll, in what he terms a campaign of misrepresentation and falsification, of which he has been a victim, John Cownie, recently member of the state board of control, issued a statement in which he makes a general and sweeping denial of the five charges made by the governor.

Snow in New Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., May 23.—Northeastern New Mexico is in the grip of a heavy snowstorm. The storm evidently is a continuation of the one that swept southeastern Colorado, and is centered at Folsom. It is feared great loss of live stock will result.

FIND TWO MORE OF THE VICTIMS

Eight of the Twelve Bodies Have Now Been Recovered from the Wreck of the Steamer City of Salttillo.

FLOATING IN THE RIVER

Sunday Discovery was Made a Few Miles Down the River from the Scene of the Accident.

ST. LOUIS, May 23.—Two more bodies of victims of the wreck of the Mississippi river steamer City of Salttillo at Glen Park, Mo., May 11, were found yesterday morning. The bodies were those of Mrs. Archibald M. Patterson of Savannah, Tenn., and William J. Pickett, Jr., of 3918 Windsor place, St. Louis. Both bodies were found floating a few miles below the scene of the wreck. This makes eight recovered bodies out of twelve missing.

Mrs. Patterson's body was found by fishermen at Herculaneum, three miles below Glen park. Rivermen found the body of Pickett at Bushburg, three-quarters of a mile below Glen park. Neither body was badly decomposed.

It is thought that the breaking up of the wreck which is being brought about by the swift current, and which was hurried by the steamer City of Savannah, manned by the former crew of the Salttillo, and replacing the Salttillo in the St. Louis to Waterloo, Ala., trade, which stopped on her initial trip yesterday morning and pulled on the wreck, may have released some of the bodies pinned down by freight and that among these were the two found yesterday. This theory is strengthened by the proximity of the bodies to the scene of the wreck. A carpenter sent down to the scene yesterday by the St. Louis and Tennessee River Packet company, also removed some heavy timbers of the hull to aid its disintegration and expedite the removal of the freight.

Human Voice Carried Far. The voice of a man has been known to carry three miles through a 20-foot trumpet.

THE WEATHER.

(Until 7 p. m. Tuesday.)

For Keokuk and vicinity: Fair tonight and Tuesday; cooler tonight with frost in lowlands.

For Illinois: Partly cloudy, with cooler south and central portions tonight; Tuesday fair.

For Iowa: Fair tonight and Tuesday; cooler tonight extreme east portion; frost tonight in lowlands.

For Missouri: Fair tonight and Tuesday; cooler east portion tonight.

Weather Conditions.

Saturday's southwestern storm has moved slowly northeast, and is central over the lower lake region and Ohio valley this morning.

Its advance has been attended by rains on the western gulf coast and in the central valleys, with heavy rains at Little Rock, St. Louis and Chicago.

West of the Mississippi a field of high pressure in the northern mountain region is causing fair, moderately cool weather, and cooler weather extends eastward to the Mississippi valley.

These conditions indicate fair weather for this section tonight and Tuesday, with colder tonight and probably light frost in lowlands.

River Bulletin.

KEOKUK, May 23.

Table with columns: Station, Stage, River, 24 hrs. Fall, Flood Height Change Rain. Rows include St. Paul, La Crosse, Davenport, Galland, Keokuk, St. Louis.

Local Observations.

KEOKUK, May 23.

Bar. Ther. Wind. Weather. 23.7 p. m. ... 29.82 63 NW Cloudy 23.7 a. m. ... 29.74 55 NW Cloudy Rainfall for past twenty-four hours: 2.8 hundredths.

May 22.—Mean temperature, 68 degrees; maximum, 78; minimum, 59.

River Forecast.

The river will rise slowly for the next twenty-four hours. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.