

STENOGRAPHER IN CONTEMPT LORIMER COMMITTEE HOLDS

MILTON BLUMENBURG, OFFICIAL REPORTER IS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. MAKES A BOLD CHARGE

Man Gets in Bad by Making Allegation That Stenographic Notes of J. E. Sheridan, Reproduced From Dictograph, Are "Faked"—Investigators Snubbed and Insulted Gets His.

Washington, Feb. 3.—A night session which the senate Lorimer committee was holding came to a sensational close this evening when its official stenographer, Milton Blumenburg, was adjudged in contempt for ordering his stenographers to cease work. Blumenburg was placed in custody of the senate sergeant-at-arms for appearance before them Monday.

This was preceded by a dramatic denunciation from Blumenburg of the stenographic notes made by J. E. Sheridan, then on the witness stand, as "faked" and "manufactured." The notes purported to have been recorded from a phonographic reproduction of the alleged admission by Charles McCowan at Toronto that he swore falsely before the committee. Through-out the day Blumenburg had peered over Sheridan's shoulder as the witness read from his notes.

Immediately after the session began, Blumenburg, in an excited state, procured Sheridan's notebook. After inspecting it he whispered to Edward Hines, and stepping in front of the 19-year-old witness, addressed the committee. He said he had examined Sheridan's notes and was prepared to denounce them as a "fake."

"What do you mean by that?" demanded Senator Jones, who was presiding.

"I mean they have been manufactured and are not the report of a conversation, made as it took place."

"Oh, you are mistaken about that," declared young Sheridan.

Committee Ignored.

Senators Jones, Lea and Kenyon, the only members present, questioned him. He was asked to whom he had talked about the notes. Blumenburg named Mr. Hines, Attorney Hynes, Miss Lawlor, a committee employe, and one or two others.

"You did not communicate with a member of the committee?" Senator Jones demanded.

"No."

"Why?"

"Oh, they are not the most important people in the world."

"It seems not, when everyone is told except members of the committee."

Blumenburg was asked at whose suggestion he appeared. He replied it was of his own volition. He told of quizzing Sheridan early in the day about his stenographic training and expressed the opinion that Sheridan was unable to make an accurate report of a running talk.

While members of the committee conferred Blumenburg took a seat beside Attorney Hynes, representing Mr. Hines. Attorney Healey for the committee asked that the record show that the official stenographer had taken a seat beside counsel for Mr. Hines. Senator Jones immediately sent a message to Blumenburg, who arose, stated excitedly he had been requested to leave the room and told his stenographer to quit work. Senator Jones explained he had merely requested Blumenburg to change his seat. Blumenburg then left the room.

Confusion prevailed, policemen appearing at both doors, and the assistant sergeant-at-arms was sent for and finally the committee went into executive session at which Blumenburg

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LA FOLLETTE IS ILL AND CANCELS ALL HIS DATES

WISCONSIN SENATOR ON VERGE OF BREAKDOWN AND WILL REST A FORTNIGHT.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Senator Robert La Follette is on the verge of a physical breakdown and has cancelled all his speaking engagements for the next two weeks at Trenton, Jersey City and elsewhere and will seek complete rest. He has decided to drop all his work for a fortnight.

Chairman Houser of the progressive republican campaign committee in charge of Senator La Follette's campaign for president, tonight gave out the following statement in regard to the senator's physical condition:

"In addition to the senator's official work, which in view of the pending trust and tariff legislation in which he is much interested, has made a severe draft upon his strength and energy and with the campaign work and strain upon his nervous system incident to the necessity of a critical surgical operation upon one of his children simply overtaxed even his almost superhuman powers of endurance."

"For some time his friends have urged upon him the necessity for a temporary and absolute rest. They at last have prevailed upon him to yield to their solicitations and he finally has cancelled his speaking engagements for the next two weeks and will drop all work to take a complete rest."

UNKNOWN FOUND DEAD.

Glasgow, Feb. 3.—The body of an unknown man was found today in an unoccupied house on a homestead about six miles from here. The house had not been occupied for about four months, and apparently the man had been dead for a month or more, although the body had been preserved by the cold. So far no evidence of foul play has been discovered.

YEAR FOR PACKING A GUN.

Butte, Feb. 3.—James ("Yonkers") Byrnes was today brought into Judge Donlan's court from the county jail at his own request, as the prisoner was desirous of pleading guilty to a charge of carrying a concealed weapon in the city limits. He was sentenced to a term of one year in the penitentiary. Under a law passed by the last legislature this offense is a felony.

CONNERS JURY DISAGREES

Los Angeles, Feb. 3.—The jury in the case of Bert H. Conners, accused of having attempted to destroy the hall of records with dynamite, reported to Judge Willis late today that it was unable to agree and was discharged. It stood 10 to 2 for acquittal. The jury retired at 9:55 yesterday morning and one of the jurors stated that the balloting had remained the same from the time the first vote was taken.

After the announcement of the disagreement Judge Willis ordered the defendant into the custody of the sheriff. It was said in the district attorney's office that the question as to whether Conners would be tried again could not be determined until District Attorney Fredericks' arrival in the city. He is expected here the latter part of next week.

THE STORM IN OHIO



LIKE SOILED LINEN POVERTY LAYS HOLD WERE SPINSTERS OF ORCHARD LAND TREATED VICTIMS

TACOMA PROSECUTOR MAKES STRONG ARGUMENT AGAINST MRS. HAZZARD.

Seattle, Feb. 3.—The fate of Mrs. Linda Burfield Hazard, "the starvation doctor," on trial in the Kitsap county supreme court at Port Orchard, charged with murder in the first degree in causing the death of her patient, Miss Claire Williamson, an English heiress, rests with the jury. At the close of the night session the jurors retired to deliberate, the judge informing them that a verdict would be received at any time they were ready to report. Attorneys for the defense consumed nearly all of the day sessions with a review of the evidence. In his argument Special Prosecutor Frank H. Kelly of Tacoma said:

"I want you to believe as I do, that no thought by this woman of bringing about the death of Claire Williamson was conceived before the dead woman and her sister had been for at least two weeks under the personal control of this defendant."

"However, the element of lust for wealth of her patients' jewelry, ready money, funds in the bank and an estate of large proportions was greater than she could withstand. And commencing with the date of February 15 she left no effort undone that would bring about the death of both patients, that she could acquire their possessions."

"In the hands of this designing person they were treated like a bundle of soiled linen, run through a wringer and made to produce every atom of financial nutriment the circumstances could supply."

The Motive.

Going into the motive for Claire Williamson's death, Mr. Kelly presented the prosecution's claim that it had traced the defendant's culpability from the time of the first letter to the patient, who was then in Victoria, B. C., in which it was represented that the treatment required could be obtained from purchasing and reading the defendant's starvation treatise, through devious financial transactions that included an endorsement by will, a gift of \$1,000, powers of attorney through which nearly \$2,000 was collected, and finally a plot whereby a pension and the estate in Australia, said to be worth \$500,000, would be secured.

Counsel declared the trial was watched eagerly and with hope by every unworthy healing practitioner and faker in the country.

Throughout the denunciation the defendant sat with eyes closed but with jaws set firmly as though in defiance of all that could be said against her.

It will require several hours for the jury to read the judge's charge and the documentary evidence. The verdict can be scarcely reached tonight.

The jurors retired soon after 10 o'clock taking with them the 150 exhibits in the case and the judge's admonition that they go over the exhibits closely. There is no likelihood that the jury will have completed its task at midnight, when the sheriff will put them to bed.

ROOSEVELT MEN WIN.

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 3.—Supporters of Theodore Roosevelt won in a contest in the Knox county republican executive committee today by a vote of 115 to 15 when President Taft's friends proposed to have a mass convention to choose delegates to the national republican convention. Colonel Roosevelt's supporters favored a primary and when it was put to a vote the ex-president's friends finally won.

TALE OF IMPOVERISHMENT TOLD IN CONNECTION WITH DEFUNCT COMPANY.

Seattle, Feb. 3.—With W. H. De Larm of Seattle and Allen Jay Bleh of Portland, comprising the firm of "De Larm & Bleh," missing, and not a dollar of assets in sight, the holders of \$5,000 bond issued by the Columbia River Orchard company found not a ray of hope in the situation today. Pitiful stories continue to be received of people of small means investing everything they possessed in the 7 per cent bonds.

Late Thursday afternoon, after a receiver had been appointed for the Washington Orchard Irrigation and Fruit company, J. G. Wilson and wife gave a deed to 40 acres of land in Walla Walla county, Washington, in exchange for \$5,000 of the bonds of the Columbia River Orchard company, the bonds being then utterly worthless. The exchange was conducted through the Coast Realty company. Wilson and wife began suit yesterday in the superior court to cancel the deed, which was made out in blank. The defendants are Carl M. Anson, D. C. Ferris and John Doe, doing business as the Coast Realty company; George F. Rogers and J. W. Ford. According to Wilson's attorney, all the irresponsible real estate firms in the northwest had "orchard bonds" for sale. They evidently got them from headquarters and sold them for what they would bring, taking money, land or any other property that could be converted into money. Of late the advertisement "Wanted, house in exchange for orchard bonds," has been a familiar one in the newspapers. A person wishing to dispose of his house would find the advertiser willing to give him 7 per cent guaranteed bonds and let the house owner set his own price on the house. This was very tempting. A young man who tried to find the Columbia River Orchard company's office today and who would not give his name, said that he had exchanged \$75,000 worth of property in Montana for bonds and was ruined.

A Favorite Ruse.

The attorney for a bondholder said that a favorite ruse of the bond seller was to hint to someone that a certain man in Spokane was buying the bonds at par. The man who received the hint would send a bond to the Spokane investor and, sure enough, \$10 would be forthcoming. The lucky man would then spread the news and there would be a stampede to buy bonds below par to resell to the Spokane enthusiast, but he never made more than one purchase. The number of families who have been impoverished by buying orchard bonds is large.

MAN GIVES WOMAN PACKAGE WHICH EXPLODES AND KILLS

New York, Feb. 3.—A package received by Mrs. Grace Willis Walker, also known as Helen Taylor, in an uptown apartment house tonight exploded and caused her death almost instantly. The mystery with which the affair was clouded baffled the police.

The woman, who was 37 years old, was called to the vestibule of the apartment by a man who presented her with a good-sized package and then hurried away. She carried the package to her apartment, and as she placed it on a table it exploded with a loud report. Dr. Charles E. Perkins, who was passing the house at the time, ran in to help Miss Taylor, but she died in a few minutes.

The physician said that, in his opinion, the package was an infernal machine. It contained a number of dry-cell batteries, one of which was driven into the woman's breast near the heart.

After several hours of secret investigation detectives arrested Charles M. Dickinson, who said he was an employe of a motor company, and held him on a technical charge of homicide for examination. Edna Lammie, a showgirl, 25 years old, who lives in the house, but was out at the time the fatality occurred, was held as a material witness. Dickinson was said to have been in the room when the woman met her death.

ATTACK ON SINCERITY OF THE PRESS IS RESENTED BY THE TOASTMASTER.

Philadelphia, Feb. 3.—The dinner of the Periodical Publishers' association did not break up until an early hour this morning, and at its close was marked by a tart denunciation of Senator La Follette by Don C. Selts of the American Newspaper Publishers' association.

Senator La Follette began his speech near midnight and spoke for nearly two hours. The more than 600 diners were visibly wearied by the long-drawn-out remarks of the Wisconsin senator, and toward the close frequently interrupted him. Much of his speech was devoted to the money power and an attack on the sincerity of the newspaper press of the country. When he had finished Toastmaster Selts said:

"I shall not attempt, nor have I the time to come to the defense of the newspapers of the country, which have just been foolishly, wickedly and untruthfully assailed."

Senator La Follette made no sign of hearing the caustic remark, which was uttered in half-angry tone.

Today in an interview Mr. Selts said:

"As the banquet was given by the magazine publishers, and as I was a guest of C. S. Curtis, president of the association, I had to be cautious in my remarks about Mr. La Follette. I don't recall exactly what I said, but I do remember declaring that the senator had made an unkind, unjust and wilfully malicious attack on the newspapers of the nation, and if I had had more time I would have said something stronger on the subject."

"Last night's dinner, during which we thought we could 'josh' the statesman, ended in a calamity. It was a tragedy for Senator La Follette's hopes. He simply wiped himself off the map."

"Undoubtedly he came to Philadelphia to make the address of his life, and when it developed into an infamous slander of the newspapers and a wallowing synecdochic praise of the magazine, I realized that the man had overstepped his mark."

"Previous to that the senator had talked for more than two hours, and when he concluded I rebuked him. In my mind the senator, not knowing the relationship between the magazines and the newspapers, came to the dinner to attack the latter and curry favor with the magazine publishers."

TRAFFIC PARALYZED.

St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 3.—Railway and street car traffic were paralyzed by a heavy snowfall today. The storm was general throughout northwestern Missouri and livestock suffered greatly.

EXPEDITION READY TO START

Fairbanks, Alaska, Feb. 3.—The Fairbanks-Times Mount McKinley expedition will leave Fairbanks Monday morning. It is composed of George S. Lewis, a native of Tulare county, California, formerly assistant engineer in the reclamation service at Yuma, Ariz.; MacCallum Nash, a pioneer; Andy McCabe, a government land surveyor, last summer in the Fairbanks district; and Jack Phillips, a noted dog musher. The equipment consists of two sleds, 12 dogs and 1,600 pounds of supplies and apparatus. The dash for the summit will be made late in March and the return to Fairbanks in April. The Henschel-Barker expedition, which will approach the mountain by ascending the Sumit and Chukcha rivers on the ice, has not yet left Seward.

ROOSEVELT WANTED BY GREAT FALLS REPUBLICANS

FIRST CLUB IN THE STATE IS ORGANIZED AND MESSAGE SENT TO COLONEL.

Great Falls, Feb. 3.—(Special)—"At an enthusiastic meeting of Great Falls republicans tonight the first Roosevelt club was organized in Montana. We are with you. Don't answer; let the people do that."

The foregoing message was sent to Colonel Roosevelt tonight following the organization of a Roosevelt club for the purpose of boosting the nomination of the colonel for the presidency at the next election. More than 100 names were signed to the membership list and several addresses were made. F. George Heldt, a member of the vigilantes years ago, an ardent republican, declared the people wanted Roosevelt.

"Put him back," he declared, "and he will raise more hell than he did when he was there before." Senator James M. Burlingame was elected president of the club and George Rodgers secretary. The membership roll includes most of the leading republicans of the city.

COMPANY G DISBANDED.

Helena, Feb. 3.—(Special)—The Capital city is no longer represented in the Second regiment, national guard of Montana. Company G, of this city, has been ordered disbanded by Adjutant General Greenan, on the ground that it has failed to attain the required standard. There are now 12 companies in the Second regiment, full strength, and it is not probable an attempt will be made to organize another company in this city for some time.

SNEED JURY COMPLETE.

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 3.—The jury to hear the trial of J. B. Sneed, a wealthy Amarillo, Texas, banker, accused of having murdered Captain A. G. Boyce, was completed tonight. The presentation of testimony will begin Monday.

COMMITTEEMAN MARLOW SAYS HE DID NOT SEE ROOSEVELT

Washington, Feb. 3.—(Special)—The New York Sun this morning, in a story regarding different callers at Colonel Roosevelt's office in New York, says: "Among the men visitors was State Senator Donlan of Missoula. He would not talk about his mission or the Roosevelt movement in his state. Others of the men from Montana are National Committeeman Thomas A. Marlow and Dr. O. M. Lanstrum, editor of the Montana Record." The Washington Star this afternoon, in its White House news, story for today, says: "Thomas A. Marlow, national committeeman of Montana, today called the White House by long distance telephone from New York and declared that newspaper reports that he and other Montana republicans were in New York to offer that state to Roosevelt, were untrue."

MIDDLE WEST HAS COLD WAVE

GROUNDHOG IS VINDICATED BY SEMI-BLIZZARD BLOWING FROM NORTHWEST.

MERCURY FALLS FAST

Twenty-Nine Degrees Below Zero Reported at Winona, Minn., and 22 Below at Duluth—Chicago in Grasp of the Storm—Trains Are Running Late and City Traffic Is Impeded.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—The first vindication of the groundhog's action in retreating to his hole yesterday came, 60 days when a cold wave swept down from the Canadian northwest. Thus far it covers the Dakotas, Minnesota, western Wisconsin and all parts of Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri. By tomorrow it is predicted by the local forecaster all sections of these states will be in the grasp of the wave.

Although few records were broken, the below-zero temperatures of 29 at Winona, Minn., and 22 at Duluth, Minn., seemed unusually severe, owing to the suddenness with which they came.

Chicago may experience 13-degree below-zero weather by tomorrow, it is predicted. Last night the mercury here dropped to zero and at 9 o'clock it was 4 degrees above zero.

Trains Delayed.

La Crosse, Wis., Feb. 3.—With a temperature of 29 degrees below zero, today was the coldest February day in 30 years. Outdoor work is suspended and trains are running hours behind time.

Much Suffering.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 3.—Temperature 4 degrees below zero, a six to eight-inch snowfall and a 24-mile north wind were the features of the blizzard that greeted residents of this section early today. Reports from various portions of the state show that the storm is general throughout Nebraska. Severe cold is reported in northern Nebraska. Twelve-degree below zero was the record at Norfolk. High wind and cold caused much suffering.

Very General.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 3.—Temperature dropped to the zero neighborhood in the lower Missouri valley today. A strong wind blew. Missouri and eastern Kansas were covered by from two to three inches of snow, and Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota by one to five inches. Temperatures in the Missouri valley ranged from 4 to 18 below at Huron, S. D., with a further drop of at least 10 degrees predicted for tonight by the local forecaster.

Oklahoma, Arkansas and northern Texas will receive the cold wave within 24 hours, the observer said.

Northwestern Arkansas and northern Oklahoma are promised temperature close to zero. The temperature was above freezing in that section today.

Class Ad History

CCL.—GETTING WHAT YOU WANT.

Those who have the class-ad habit know what to do and how to do it, whenever they want something, whether it is out of the ordinary or not. Those who have not the class-ad habit will do well to read this bit of history and pattern after the experience which it sets forth:

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS.
TO BUY—A COOK STOVE. Address, 411 Alder.

This little ad was printed three times. On the third day, it located a person with just the sort of cook stove that was wanted. There had been others, but this was just the right one. The total cost of this advertising campaign was 25 cents. That was an easy way and a cheap way and an effective way. The cost of the class ad is one cent a word. If you are out of work and want a job, The Missoulian will print your ad for nothing.

On the Square

YOUR job printing will be done on the square if you get it at The Missoulian Print Shop. You will be acting on the square if you take it there to be done. The Missoulian is on the square in its dealings with you and your town. You should be on the square yourself, when you require anything in your business that can be done in a local print shop. And do you realize how much in the job-printing line there is that can be done in The Missoulian Print Shop? If you do not, just take a little time and let us show you. There is nothing required in your office equipment, from a little scratch-pad to a complicated blank book, that you cannot get from The Missoulian Print Shop. This shop is a home institution; its employes are your townspeople; they spend their money in your stores; they live in your houses. Every motive of local patriotism should prompt you to have your printing done here. Besides, you will get the finest work to be obtained anywhere. There's no reason why you should not send us your order.