

JOLTS COMING IN DEFENSE OF AMES

Odell Hints at Startling Revelations Which Will Involve Other Officials Than Ames.

Defense Opens, After Its Motion for Directed Verdict Has Been Denied.

Ames Himself Takes the Stand and Denies Receiving Graft Money.

After listening to extended arguments, Judge C. B. Elliott this morning, without comment, denied defendant's motion to strike out certain material portions of the state's testimony and to direct a verdict for the defendant in the case of the state against former Mayor A. A. Ames, on trial for accepting a bribe from Bessie Lee.

R. R. Odell immediately opened the defendant's case in a brief statement to the jury of what it is intended to prove and the introduction of evidence was begun.

Judging from counsel's opening statement and from the witnesses subpoenaed, it seems safe to assume that the Ames defense will attempt to introduce evidence of a startling nature. It is proposed to show a monster scheme of "graft," with the late Captain John A. Fitchette, the late Colonel William A. Tanner, Irwin A. Gardner, Thomas R. Brown and Christopher Norbeck as the principal conspirators, and in which Dr. Ames is conspicuous by his absence, and of which he was the innocent victim.

The exact scope of the defensive plan is shrouded in mystery, but from veiled hints dropped, it seems that some present county officials, notably County Attorney A. H. Boardman, will be bitterly attacked.

What Odell Promises.

In opening to the jury Mr. Odell among other things made the following assertions:

"We will show you that Dr. Ames has since boyhood, passed in and out among you, in three times mayor of your city and during those terms the tongue of scandal did not even wag against him. Like Caesar's wife, he was above suspicion."

"The man, Irwin A. Gardner, was put in charge of the collections by the real cashier of the graft and Ames had no part in it. He was the principal conspirator, and Gardner was appointed a police officer in order for him to carry on his work and others went to Dr. Ames and asked him for the money."

"We will show you by competent evidence that cannot be impeached, that not one penny of the graft ever entered Mayor Ames' pocket."

"A collector of graft previous to Gardner's time will go on the stand, and by him we will prove to you that the graft was collected by Ames and his hands of a power higher than the mayor of Minneapolis."

"Dr. Ames will go on the stand and will tell you his own story, the story of his life from boyhood. He will tell you everything. We have nothing to conceal."

"We will show you that Gardner is an egregious liar in addition to being a convict."

"We will prove to you that Dr. Ames relied upon this man and upon his fellows. That he relied upon John A. Fitchette, an old comrade-in-arms; Fitchette, into the bargain, we will show you went \$1,000 in graft, of which this defendant never heard."

"We perhaps should say something to you as to why we are so defaming Dr. Ames, and really, my friends, because I know more about this graft than any other man present, and I could throw a stone from my office into the place where it was collected."

"That is why I am here, and we will perhaps show you why some other people are here and prosecuting this case."

"We will show you the character of Thomas R. Brown in a light not favorable to him."

"We will show you the very moment that Dr. Ames discovered what Gardner was doing, off went his head."

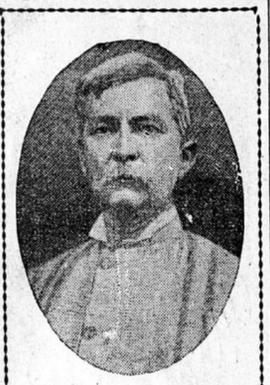
"We will prove to your satisfaction that it was agreed between 'Coffee John' Fitchette, Gardner and others, that this nefarious scheme should be laid at the door of this old man, Dr. Ames."

Plied Ames with Drink.

"Dr. Ames has one of the keenest minds that ever lived among you. It was sometimes befogged with alcohol, but at other times no one was possessed of keener faculties and better judgment than Dr. A. A. Ames. This was appreciated by the conspirators, who planned to keep him under the influence of liquor. One of them at a time would take him and fill him up sociably. Sociability is, in fact, the cause of all Dr. Ames' trouble. When one of the gang had done his part, another would take him in tow, take him to another saloon, and so on, with the result that he was kept filled up a considerable part of the time."

HENRY M. STANLEY DEAD IN LONDON

Explorer May Be Buried Beside Livingstone in Westminster Abbey.



SIR HENRY M. STANLEY, Who Died in London To-day.

London, May 10.—Sir Henry M. Stanley the African explorer, whose death from pleurisy was announced in these dispatches early this morning, passed away shortly after 6 o'clock. He was quite conscious to the last and able to recognize his wife.

Before he died, Sir Henry expressed a wish to be buried at his country seat, Furze Hill, Surrey. The question, however, is being discussed of burying him beside Livingstone in Westminster Abbey.

JAPS WOULD GROW RICE IN AMERICA

Settlers With Money Coming Over to Settle in Southern States.

New Orleans, May 10.—Probably the first direct "development effect" to be felt in the Louisiana territory as a result of the Louisiana Purchase exposition is the semi-official recognition given by the Japanese commission to the immigration movement from Japan to the rice growing country in Louisiana and Texas.

About June 1 a number of Japanese in St. Louis will leave for Louisiana and Texas under the escort of Mr. Onishi, and will take them through the rice country on a tour of inspection.

A party of more than 100 Japanese, en route from Japan to San Francisco, will settle in the rice country.

Two members of this party, it is said, are bringing with them more than \$100,000 each with which to purchase rice lands and start Japanese colonies.

TRAIN JUMPS OVER A 60-FOOT EMBANKMENT

New York Sun Special Service.

New York, May 10.—An express train on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, westbound, jumped the track on leaving the trestle over the Byram river, just east of Port Chester, early this morning.

The engine went over a sixty-foot embankment and landed on the edge of the river. Both the fireman and the engineer were killed.

CHICAGO "WIDE OPEN" BY MAYOR'S ACTION

New York Sun Special Service.

Chicago, May 10.—Mayor Harrison has made good the recent promise of "Jiminy" Quinn that the town would be thrown "wide open."

The "lid" is off and no mistake. The license of the saloon of Mont Tennessee, long known as the stronghold of the North Side gambling "king," was restored yesterday.

O'Leary's famous saloon was also licensed to open its doors in token that Chicago is to be once more a "wide open" town. The mayor makes no defense of his action.

PITCH LAKE KING IS DEAD IN TRINIDAD

Port of Spain, Trinidad, May 10.—Conrad F. Stollmeyer, known as the "pitch lake king," and the wealthiest man in the Caribbean, is dead here.



WANTED—A HAPPY MEAN. The Democratic Party—The Old One Talked Too Much; the New One Doesn't Talk Enough—Just My Luck!

CHINA TO BUILD BIG STEEL PLANT

Mandarins Arrive in Chicago to Investigate Modern Methods of Work.

Chicago, May 10.—U. K. Lee, Tsu-King-Yuan and Tse-Shao-Yung, three commissioners of the Chinese government, have arrived here from Peking. They are mandarins of the first class, and have been sent out to investigate the steel plants of America and England.

"China intends constructing a plant of her own for the manufacture of armor plate and steel rails," said Mr. Lee. "She already possesses a steel plant near Shanghai, but it is of an old pattern, and not at all up to date."

"The new plant will be located in the interior somewhere, exactly where has not been decided. But we want the most improved machinery of the newest models, in order to turn out steel in quantity and of the best quality."

"Our party will stay four days in Chicago, and we will investigate the Illinois Steel Works. From here we go to Pittsburg and finally to England."

HORSES BENEATH FIRE RUINS LIVE IN WATER

New York, May 10.—Two horses have been taken alive from beneath the ruins of the Universal storage house, which was burned last Friday.

They were in the basement, which was filled with nearly six feet of water, and apparently had saved themselves from death by holding their heads above water near a small window.

One of the intelligent animals heard the fire patrol near them made sufficient noise to attract his attention. He quickly procured pills filled with oats and clambered down to their rescue.

A runaway was soon made and the horses were led out thru a window. Neither animal seemed to have suffered at all except from hunger.

MURDER TRACED TO A REVENGEFUL ASSASSIN

Butte, Mont., May 10.—Investigation into the killing of William Axtell in Basin, a small mining camp north of this city, discloses the fact that he was not a victim of mountain bandits, as was at first reported, but was murdered by an assassin.

An examination of Axtell's saloon showed that no articles of value had been touched, \$50 in cash being found on his body. It appears that Axtell was sleeping in a chair when he was awakened by the curses of his slayer, who shot him thru the mouth as he attempted to gain his feet. Bleeding profusely, Axtell made a frantic effort to reach the door of his saloon, but, overcome by weakness, he fell thru a showcase, where he was found dying among jagged bits of broken glass.

The motive for the killing is puzzling to the officers, who have not the slightest clue to the murderer. Axtell was of a quarrelsome disposition, and having had several altercations during his career as a saloon-keeper, it is believed some one killed him in a spirit of revenge.

STRAITHCOMA'S BUFFALO STAMPEDE

FAIR IN TROUBLE WITH ST. LOUIS

Exposition Management Unable to Give City Bond That Was Promised.

New York Sun Special Service.

St. Louis, May 10.—The trouble between Mayor Wells and the management of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition over the Park restoration bond which the exposition promised to give the city in return for the free use of a part of Forest Park as the exposition site, threatens to grow serious and to involve the prospects of the world's fair itself.

Two bonds which have been submitted to the city by President D. R. Francis and the exposition company have been accepted by the city council and vetoed by Mayor Wells.

Judge Franklin Ferris, general counsel for the exposition, yesterday frankly said to Mayor Wells: "The world's fair management is unable to furnish the bond such as the city requires for the restoration of Forest park." This is expected to bring matters to a speedy crisis.

It is inferred from the mayor's remarks and the present status of the bond matter that the council is considering the advisability of taking legal action against the exposition.

ODELL TO PROBE SHIPPING TRUST

Blame for Delay Laid to District Attorney Jerome's Political Ambition.

New York Sun Special Service.

Albany, N. Y., May 10.—Prominent republican campaign contributors, according to information received here, have served notice on the party managers that they will not contribute a cent to the republican campaign fund in the empire state this year if Governor Odell persists in investigating the shipbuilding trust scandal.

Despite this the best information here is that the governor has not abandoned his plan, and that the inquiry into the shipbuilding bubble will proceed as soon as the governor disposes of the thirty-day bills.

Two months ago Governor Odell was inclined to allow District Attorney Jerome to take charge of the matter. A great deal of evidence was turned over to Mr. Jerome, but weeks have passed without any definite results being accomplished.

This delay has given rise to the belief that the prosecution has been abandoned. This is strenuously denied by the governor's friends. They intimate that District Attorney Jerome has become lukewarm.

Friends of Governor Odell intimate that Mr. Jerome, who may be the democratic candidate for governor next fall, has lost his enthusiasm as a shipbuilding trust buster, and that unless he begins some local proceedings soon, the whole matter will be taken out of his hands.

ODELL SIGNS JEROME'S BILL

TRAGEDY IN JAIL AT EXCELSIOR

Tramps Suffocated by Smoke from Fire Which They Started—One Will Die.

Special to The Journal.

Excelsior, Minn., May 10.—Two men were suffocated by smoke in the village jail last night, and one of them, Ellsworth Balar, a negro, will probably die.

Early in the evening Village Marshal Powers arrested Balar and Eugene Benedict, white, for being drunk and disorderly, and locked them up. About 2 o'clock this morning the marshal returned to the jail and found that the negro had started a fire in the bedclothes. The jail was full of smoke, and before the officer could drag out his prisoners both were unconscious and have been in a comatose state most of the time since.

Physicians were called and an examination declared that the colored man would probably die. The men are strangers here and apparently are tramps. They will be taken to the county hospital.

THROWS BABE FROM A WINDOW; KILLS HERSELF

Special to The Journal.

Crookston, Minn., May 10.—Partially insane and imagining she was the object of unjust treatment by friends and relatives, Mrs. George Ranz of Fertile committed suicide by placing a double-barreled shotgun under her breast and pulling the trigger by means of a long stick.

Mr. and Mrs. Ranz quarreled and Ranz took away from his wife a revolver which she turned upon herself in his presence and attempted to discharge. Ranz then went to the barn and was recalled shortly by the sound of a gunshot, which came from his wife's room. The woman, insane thru illness and family troubles, locked herself in her room, threw her 2-year-old baby out of the window in a paroxysm of rage, and shot herself, death resulting instantly. She was 24.

STOLE THE PREACHER'S CLAIM, HOUSE AND FENCE

Special to The Journal.

Miller, S. D., May 10.—Rev. A. O. Swartwood, pastor of the Christian church, says that his house and fence have been stolen from his homestead west of Pierre while he was preaching here and unable to be on his land.

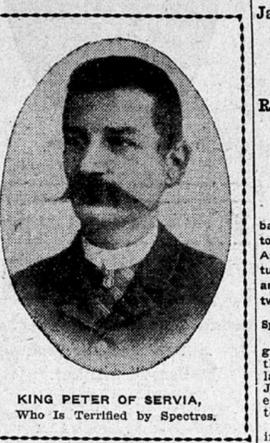
It seems that houses are in demand there. A man returned to his house after a month's absence, went to bed only to awake in the night ten miles from his land, thieves having six horses hitched to the building and moving it west.

The owner stepped out with two guns and ordered the volunteer house-movers to return forthwith his home to its original foundation without prejudice. They did so, apologizing by saying they did not know he was home.

ELEVATOR FIRE AT CLEARWATER.

SPECTERS HAUNT KING OF SERBIA

Peter's Days Filled With Difficulties—His Nights Troubled by Dreams.



KING PETER OF SERBIA, Who Is Terrified by Specters.

New York Sun Special Service.

London, May 10.—The Belgrade correspondent of the Chronicle sends a pitiful account of the distracted condition of mind to which King Peter of Serbia has been reduced by the anxieties of his monarchy.

The king has been greatly distressed by the coldness and the many instances of hostility with which he is regarded by the masses. He also suffers greatly from insomnia, and is haunted by horrible dreams.

He complains that in his dreams he sees King Milan running thru the corridors and halls of the palace with a drawn sword in his hand, shouting: "Where are the murderers of my son?"

ERNEST HOOLEY LANDS IN JAIL

Noted English Company Promoter Arrested for Conspiracy to Defraud.

London, May 10.—Ernest Terah Hooley, whose meteoric career and company promoting a few years ago astonished the financial world, was arrested in London to-day on the charge of conspiracy to defraud.

Hooley's colossal bankruptcy and the proceedings arising therefrom were the sensations of 1898. Since then he has been connected with various promotional schemes of which led to court proceedings.

Henry J. Lawson, another company promoter, was also arrested to-day in connection with the Hooley charge. Hooley reached the pinnacle of his prominence in 1896 when he promoted a tire company as the result of which he was supposed to have cleared \$12,500,000. At that time he was living a sort of Count of Monte Cristo existence buying yachts and race horses and historic country seats.

PERUVIANS Routed IN BATTLE WITH BRAZIL

New York Sun Special Service.

Rio, May 10.—A dispatch from Manaus announces that an important battle has been fought between Brazilian forces and the Peruvians near the mouth of the Amazon. The Peruvians were completely routed. In spite of this news it is the opinion here that there will not be a war.

30,000 SHIPYARD MEN THREATEN TO STRIKE

New York, May 10.—Thirty thousand workmen in the shipyards of this city, Hoboken, Staten Island and Shooters Island, are threatening to strike in aid of 5,000 boiler makers who have gone out in an effort to enforce their demand for the closed shop.

The marine trades council, representing many organizations of workmen employed in the yards, have decided at a mass meeting, to order a general sympathetic strike whenever called on to do so by the strikers.

BURGLARS BETRAYED BY LOAD OF PENNIES

New York, May 10.—Enterprising burglars who looted a penny slot machine concert hall in Broadway failed to escape with their plunder because one of their number broke down under the burden of 14,000 pennies.

Three or four men went thru the machines in full view of the street, but were supposed to be employees. After placing the coins in a bag they made off, but a policeman gave chase. The bag carrier broke down and dropped the money. The men escaped.

JAPS DEFEATED AT PORT ARTHUR

Railroad Connection Between Stronghold and Liao-yang Re-established.

Japanese Unable to Check Sortie Made by Russians Under Stoesel.

Russian Admiralty Declares the Vladivostok Fleet Is in Port and Unhurt.

BULLETIN.

St. Petersburg, May 10.—A foreign embassy here professes to have information to the effect that the Vladivostok and Port Arthur squadrons have effected a junction after a naval battle in which the Japanese lost three cruisers and the Russians two and one torpedo boat destroyer.

Special to The Journal.

St. Petersburg, May 10.—A telegram received here this afternoon says that Port Arthur is again free on the land side. It is declared that the Japanese have been repulsed in an encounter twenty kilometers from the town.

The Russians made a sortie, according to the report, in strength, for the purpose of repairing the railroad. The Japanese were unable to stop the movement.

Railroad connection between Port Arthur and Liao-yang has been re-established.

The admiralty here denies that the Russian cruiser Rurik has been sunk by the Japanese.

First Train Comes Thru.

St. Petersburg, May 10, 6:40 p. m.—The correspondent of the Associated Press has obtained absolute confirmation of the report that railroad communication with Port Arthur is again open. The first locomotive came thru last night and the second at 9 o'clock this evening.

According to information received by the general staff, the bridge blown up by the Japanese near Port Adams, Liao-tung peninsula, has been repaired and the permanent way is uninjured. Telegraphic communication with Port Arthur has been re-established. It is reported that Lieutenant General Stoesel, commander of the military forces at Port Arthur, has successfully engaged and driven off the enemy.

The general staff has no confirmation of this report and explains the withdrawal of the Japanese from the railroad as being either due to pressure from General Stoesel or to the forces left by General Kuropatkin at Kail-ping and other points on the railroad.

While without definite information, the impression here is that the strength the Japanese force landed at Port Arthur is not strong enough to take charge of the railroad or it moved eastward along the littoral to effect a junction with the 30,000 men from Port Arthur an hour before by pigeon post, via Liao-yang, reporting that all was well at the fortress.

It is believed here that the Vladivostok Rear Admiral Jensen's squadron is there and reports all well.

FLEET OUT OFF PORT?

Vladivostok Squadron Reported to Have Been Intercepted by Japs.

Special to The Journal.

London, May 10.—The Japanese under Admiral Kamimura are reported to have shelled the Vladivostok cruiser squadron out of Vladivostok and to have sunk the Russian armored cruiser Rurik.

A dispatch from Nagasaki says that Admiral Kamimura's fleet of five torpedo boats into the harbor in a fog, that they crept thru the channel until within striking distance of the Rurik and that they shelled the vessel, damaged by torpedoes that she sank.

The Seoul correspondent of the Daily Telegraph cables to his paper: "It is believed here that the Vladivostok fleet has been shut out and that it is now in the Sea of Japan trying to evade the Japanese."

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