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CHICAGO'S ALLEGED JURY BRIBER ARMSTRONG EXPECTED TO RESIST EXTRADITION

But for a Loving Telegram From His Devoted Wife, Dan Coughlin's Partner Would Probably Never Have Been Caught—Sleeps in the County Jail.

LOVE for his young wife, from whom he could not endure to be separated, led to the capture of William Armstrong, wanted in Chicago for jury bribery, who arrived in Seattle yesterday afternoon from Port Angeles, where he was run to death by detectives who had trailed him across the continent.

It was the old story of warm affection refusing to be advised by cool caution. After Armstrong and his alleged partner in crime, Dan Coughlin, fled from Chicago forfeiting their bail bonds, the police of that city knowing that Armstrong and his wife were almost inseparable, watched her movements. A telegram addressed by her to her husband under the assumed name of William J. Wilson, at Port Angeles, Wash., gave them the clew they needed to effect the latter's capture.

Armstrong, in charge of Central Detective Frank Tyrrill, of Chicago, and Detective Edward Cudihee, of Seattle, arrived from Port Angeles by the steamer Alice Gertrude at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Armstrong's wife remained at the little city where she and her husband had hoped to take up life anew, thousands of miles from the scene of the latter's alleged crime. She will join him here today.

Armstrong spent last night in the county jail. He is undecided whether to go back voluntarily to stand trial, or to wait for requisition papers and fight extradition when they arrive. He wired his lawyer, Daniel Donahue, of Chicago, last night and will be guided by his advice. It is considered practically certain by the police here that Armstrong will adopt the latter course. Should he do so one of the greatest habeas corpus cases in the history of Seattle will be the result.

Detective Tyrrill said last night that no criminal was ever more earnestly wanted by the state of Illinois than Armstrong. That commonwealth, through the officers of Cook county, will spend money with a lavish hand to secure his return and conviction. On the other hand the Illinois Central Railroad Company, in the interests of which Coughlin and Armstrong are alleged to have worked, will, no doubt, see that Armstrong has the best legal talent to defend him here, and later in Chicago, should the courts allow his extradition.

On a Fugitive Warrant.

Prosecuting Attorney McElroy has already issued a fugitive warrant for the arrest of Armstrong, and the latter is now being held by that authority. The requisition papers are not expected to arrive from the governor of Illinois before Saturday. To-day, unless Armstrong decides to go back voluntarily, Mr. McElroy will probably advise Detective Tyrrill to go before a justice of the peace and ask that Armstrong be held without bonds pending the arrival of the papers.

Mr. McElroy believes that under a recent decision of the supreme court in the case of John E. Foye, the Boston jury briber, this can be done. In case, however, that the justice refuses to hold the Chicago man without bonds, Mr. McElroy and Detective Tyrrill will unite in requesting that the bail be fixed at a sum not less than $25,000. The Seattle authorities have no reason to suspect Armstrong of a desire to escape, but will not take the risk of a repetition of the Foye incident. Foye, it will be remembered, jumped a bail bond of but $300.

It was a very gentlemanly looking young man who walked up the gang plank from the steamer yesterday afternoon by the side of Detective Cudihee, closely followed by the shrewd faced officer from Chicago. Neatly dressed in a light checked suit, soft brown felt hat, patent leather shoes, a fancy pattern shirt and a neatly arranged tie, William Armstrong, alleged to be the confidential agent of one of the most notorious saloonkeeper politicians in the country, might have been taken for a commercial traveler just returning from a successful trip down the Sound. He carried in his hand a large olive green leather sample case such as the fraternity affect and he had the same self-confident air.

The trio proceeded at once to a first-class restaurant where they proceeded to take the edge off of appetites sharpened by a day's ride on the Sound. Seated at a table discussing with great gusto a hearty dinner Armstrong talked to a Post-Intelligencer reporter concerning his case.

Armstrong's Story.

"I was born in Illinois thirty-nine years ago," said he, "and I have lived there all my life, but this is the first time I was ever the guest of the commonwealth." He laughed heartily and winked at the two detectives opposite him. "How long have I known Coughlin? Well, I should say about five years. I have been working for him about that long. For the last ten years I have been in the liquor business in Chicago. At odd times I have done something in local Democratic politics.

"For four years I was supervisor of the Cook county hospital for the insane and I have also run for alderman in Chicago from the Seventh ward. I have never been under arrest for any crime before, as I have just said.

"As to this alleged jury bribery I know nothing at all, practically. It was six weeks after it had happened that I cut in. As I understand it, along last spring there got to be a good deal of talk of jury bribery about the courts and the judges spoke of it to the jurors. Judge Tuthill, I am told, instructed his jury panel that if any juror was approached by a jury briber he should report the fact to the court, and that if he was approached a second time he should kill the would-be briber and the court would protect him in doing so.

"It was before this jury that the Thomas Carbine damage suit against the Illinois Central road was tried. After the case was taken away from the jury one of the jurors, John F. Taylor, went to Judge Tuthill and told him that somebody had given him a diamond for a bribe. I don't know who Taylor is; don't know him personally. But I understand he was in the gent's furnishing goods business and lived out on the north side.

"It is my opinion that he was influenced to make the charges against Coughlin by personal enmity. You are probably aware that lots of people in Chicago don't like Coughlin. Then I came into the case. It is false that I went to Taylor and attempted to buy him off. As a matter of fact he and Detective McGarry came to me and wanted to sell out. Possibly Taylor cooked the whole thing up for the purpose of getting money in that way.

"After the whole thing had come out I thought it best to leave Chicago. I don't even know when my case was set for trial. I simply packed up and left on June 28. I had heard there was a railroad boom on at Port Angeles and concluded to go there; thought there would be a good opening for a man to make some money. I came to Seattle direct from Chicago and spent one day here, stopping at the Rainier-Grand hotel."

The alleged jury briber lighted a cigar and puffed it reflectively.

Opinion of Port Angeles.

"I lived very quietly while I was in Seattle," he continued. "I was traveling under a name that my friends would not know and was not making any new acquaintances. I found out at the hotel that I could get a boat for Port Angeles at midnight and so my stay in Seattle was curtailed.

"On my way to the Coast and while in Seattle I did not meet a soul who knew me. In my business I naturally made many friends and plenty of people in Chicago, whom I do not know, know me. I saw a great many people that I had seen before, but I was not recognized.

"When I arrived in Port Angeles I thought I was safe. Why do you know I don't think they have ever heard of Chicago there. Oh, yes, they know all about the war. They have heard of that. You know all the warships get out and practice in the bay there. But honestly I didn't think people in Chicago knew there was any such place as Port Angeles.

"But understand, I'm saying nothing against the town. If you people out West are good to me I am willing to stay with you. I like the country first rate. And that little town of Port Angeles is all right. It will 'skin' you here in Seattle yet. Just give it a show. That harbor there is the only harbor in the world. And maybe you think that we don't know it. Why, every other house we have there is a real estate office. The real estate agents come and see you there at morning, at noon and at night.

"Whew; I feel better now. What an appetite that salt air gives a man!"

With this exclamation the interview closed and Armstrong, with a cheerful smile on his broad, good natured countenance, accompanied the detectives to police headquarters, where they were warmly welcomed by Chief of Police Reed. They, with the prisoner, were closeted with the chief for some time. While the star chamber session was in progress Prosecuting Attorney McElroy was summoned by telephone and joined the party in the private office.

It was on coming out of the chief's office that Mr. McElroy gave Detective Tyrrill the advice to hold Armstrong without bonds if possible or on the largest bonds the court would fix if not.

Asked whether he knew anything concerning the whereabouts of Coughlin, Armstrong smiled. "Why, for all I know he may be in Chicago," said he. "I haven't seen him since I left there and so far as I know he has not gone. No, I don't know where Bailiff Lynch is either."

Spends Night in Jail.

After his interview with Chief Reed, Armstrong was taken to the county jail, where he spent the night. He was very anxious to be taken to a hotel and not to a prison, but after arriving at the courthouse and being turned over to the custody of County Jailer Wise he became quite cheerful and evidently was resolved to make the best of his misfortune.

Before going to the jail on the hill, Armstrong was allowed to speak to several local attorneys, but as far as could be ascertained at the time refused to retain any of them to fight his case in this city. He was allowed to telegraph for advice to his attorney in Chicago. Late last night he had not received an answer, but was expecting one early this morning.

"Mr. Donahue is a good lawyer and understands my case better than I do," Armstrong explained. "If he says fight it, I will stay here and fight. If he says come home without papers, I will start as soon as Mr. Tyrrill is ready."

After leaving his prisoner in the hands of Sheriff Van De Vanter at the county prison, Detective Tyrrill breathed a sigh of relief and went to the Seattle hotel, where he took lodgings. There he submitted reluctantly to an interview regarding the Armstrong case.

"You can say this for me," said he. "The city of Chicago has never wanted a man worse than the law-abiding citizens of the state of Illinois want Armstrong. I had strongly hoped to find Bailiff Lynch, also wanted for jury bribery, in Port Angeles, but I am now satisfied he is not there. I also had some hopes of finding Coughlin there also."

"You believe that Coughlin is on the Coast, don't you, Mr. Tyrrill?" asked the reporter.

"Well, that is a question I can't answer. I would not have been surprised to find him here.

"It is an undoubted fact that the Chicago police were confident that all three of the jury bribers would be found at Port Angeles.

No Doubt of Guilt.

"We have no doubt," continued Detective Tyrrill, "of the guilt of Coughlin and Armstrong, although, as Armstrong says, he 'cut into the case' late in the day. The facts are that about four months ago rumors of jury bribery became so rife that the courts resolved to stop it. They spoke to their juries. I heard Armstrong say that Judge Tuthill told his jurors to kill men who approached them. What he really did say was that they were warranted in knocking such a man down.

"Judge Tuthill further instructed his jurors that if any mean offered them money they should accept the bribe and report to him the fact. Now, this man Taylor had failed in business, and was therefore one of the men the jury bribers are on the lookout for. Coughlin went to Taylor's house and offered him a bribe to hang the jury in the Carbine case. In the presence of Taylor's wife he handed him a diamond worth $175, asking him to accept it as an evidence of his sincerity.

"Taylor remembered Judge Tuthill's instructions and took the pin. The next day he gave it to Judge Tuthill. The judge called in the police, and after a time we identified Coughlin as the briber. Coughlin got wind of the investigation and left for New York. On his return I arrested him and Armstrong, who had gone to meet him, at the railroad depot on a bench warrant issued by Judge Burke. At that very time Coughlin was in the company of one of the leading attorneys for the Illinois Central.

"One of the bondsmen on Armstrong's bond is Michael McNamara, Coughlin's partner in the saloon at 123 Clark street. McNamara has always insisted that he did not know where Armstrong was and that he would do all he could to get him back. All I have to say is that he now has an excellent chance to prove his good intentions by helping me take Armstrong back, now that I have got him here, instead of aiding him to fight extradition."

Wife Gives the First Clew.

Regarding the first clew to Armstrong's whereabouts, Detective Tyrrill would only say that it was through Armstrong's wife that the clew was obtained.

The complete story, as obtained from Chicago sources and supplemented by the statements of the detectives in Seattle, is very simple. When Armstrong left Chicago the police, knowing that he and his wife were much devoted to one another, placed a detective on the wife's track, knowing that sooner or later she would attempt to communicate with her husband.

True enough, before Armstrong had been gone a month she went to Hinsdale, one of the suburbs of Chicago, and sent him a telegram, saying:

"Be good to my dear boy. I start Saturday."

This telegram she signed with her own name and addressed to W. J. Wilson, at Port Angeles. Detective Tyrrill started West at once. On the way to Seattle he was overtaken by a telegram stating that Mrs. Armstrong, who was supposed to have gone ahead of him, was in fact on the train two days behind him. Accordingly, when he reached Seattle he and Detective Cudihee at once doubled back and watched all trains.

They had a laughable experience in shadowing a women whom they thought they recognized as Mrs. Armstrong, but who turned out to be a woman whose home is in Seattle, and who would no doubt be greatly amused did she know what agitation she caused the officers before they learned their mistake.

Finally, however, the two detectives grew tired of waiting for Mrs. Armstrong to arrive, and went over to Port Angeles without her. To their great surprise they found her there with her husband. She had come on a train four days ahead of Detective Tyrrill, and the telegram the detective received was untrue.

The story of Armstrong's arrest was told in detail in the Post-Intelligencer yesterday.

WAGNER'S band Madison park tonight.

WANT ONE THOUSAND MEN.

CONTRACTORS RUSHING WORK ON THE PALMER CUT-OFF.

Construction Work Has Been Commenced in Three Places Along the Route—Difficult to Get Men to Work for Wages of $2 a Day.

The contractors for the construction of the Palmer cut-off of the Northern Pacific have already commenced work on that extension, and expect to have trains running over the short-cut to Seattle within six months. Three camps have already been established, one at Palmer, another at the crossing of the Columbia & Puget Sound and the third at Auburn, at all of which sixty men are employed. Other men are being sent out as rapidly as camps can be prepared, and it is the intention to have 1,000 employed within the next thirty days if they can be secured.

But there is some doubt about the contractors being able to get that many workers. There is a scarcity of laboring men, and even the substantial inducement of $2 a day is not enough to make a rush to the employment offices. The company charges $4.50 a week for board, which leaves $1.25 a day clear profit to all who choose to avail themselves of the offer. "There is more work than there are men," said Contractor H. C. Henry yesterday, "and although we have had as many men as we needed so far, the outlook is not bright that we shall get the 1,000 we have advertised for. We want these 1,000 within the next thirty days, for by that time we shall have camps scattered all along the route."

It is the intention to build the line all at once, dividing the work into small contracts, as nearly as possible apportioned so that when one is finished the road will be completed from Palmer to the line running into Seattle. Three steam shovels will be used in the work, one of which is on the way from the East. G. A. Kyle, assistant engineer, with headquarters at Auburn, is in charge of the work.

TO EXTEND TO ALASKA.

Shaughnessy Says the Canadian Pacific May Build.

President Shaughnessy, of the Canadian Pacific, is accredited with having said in St. Paul that his line was seriously considering plans for an extension to the Alaskan gold fields.

This action, if the president has been quoted correctly, will have great interest to the people of the Northwest. When Sir Van Horne, then president, was here a few weeks ago, he said his road had no intention of getting to the Alaskan country, and that it would not consider such a move until the population had increased and the resources developed to such an extent as to make the venture profitable. It was said by a Victoria attorney last spring that the reason of the passage of the law excluding Americans from the Atlin gold fields was because the Canadian line had exerted its influence to keep them out until it could extend its system thers to take care of the traffic. A later report that the road had decided not to make such a development led to the belief that that was the reason for the non-rigid enforcement of the law.

GERMAN SINGERS COMING.

Arion Society, of New York, Will Visit the Sound.

The Arion Singing Society, of New York, numbering 150 wealthy German men and women, will leave the Empire city late this month on their annual outing. They will go to St. Paul by way of the Pennsylvania lines and the Northwestern, and then come to Seattle over the Northern Pacific.

They will be gone a month, and the round-trip fares of the party will aggregate nearly $20,000. W. F. Mershon, general agent of the Northern Pacific in New York, will be in charge of the party.

Jim Hill as a Teacher.

The recent announcement that President Mohler, of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation, had been offered the presidency of an Eastern railroad, calls to mind the number of men now prominent in railroad circles who had their early training with the Great Northern. Mr. Mohler was originally connected with that road; Russell Harding, president of the Cotton Belt; W. H. Newman, president of the Lake Shore; J. M. Barr, of the Norfolk & Western; President Underwood, of the Baltimore & Ohio, and C. H. Warren and W. W. Finley, all had their early training under President Hill.

Distinguished Tourists Coming.

The Northern Pacific has carried a distinguished party of tourists to Yellowstone park, and it is expected that they will come to Seattle for a trip to Alaska within a few days. Among the number are: Gov. Schofield, of Wisconsin; Maj. Clark and wife, of Milwaukee; Louis Hill, of St. Paul; Mr. and Mrs. Youmans, of Washington, D. C., and a party of men and women from New York.

Work on the Seven Devils.

Graders on the Pacific & Idaho Northern, extending into the Seven Devils mining district, have reached a point nearly forty miles from Weiser, and the track laying has been completed to the canyon. Three hundred men arrived at Weiser last week to go to work on the road, and several sub-contractors through the Northwest are heading for that point.

Great Northern Improvements.

The Great Northern has 2,500 men, 700 teams and six steam shovels employed in Montana. Three hundred miles of track is being ballasted, and other important repair work is also under way. The track between Havre and Williston is being newly ballasted. All the work is to be finished by the middle of August.

Mellen Coming Friday.

President Mellen and the other general officials of the Northern Pacific on their way to the Coast will be on the Sound Friday, and probably reach Seattle Saturday. They have been inspecting the lines of their road in Idaho.

RAILWAY NOTES.

J. L. De Berdse, well known among local railroad men, is in the city from Portland.

George F. Heomer, passenger agent of the New New York Central, is here from Portland.

C. J. Smith has moved his offices to rooms B and C, on the first floor of the Bailey building.

C. E. Brown, district passenger agent of the Union Pacific, arrived from Portland yesterday.

W. E. Gosein, president of the Seattle & San Francisco, has gone for a trip through the East.

John S. Done, general manager of the Seattle & San Francisco, is at the company camp, and will remain there until late today.

W. P. Marle, purser on the steamer Rosalie, will remain in Seattle as city passenger agent for the Alaska Steamship Company.

A. S. Nash, general agent of the Omaha at Helena, Mont., has been appointed general traveling agent of the road to succeed the late M. M. Wheeler. Mr. Nash is succeeded by E. A. Gray.

The Pacific & Idaho Northern has issued circulars announcing the following appointments: Auditor, A. Hermann; superintendent, F. L. Richmond; attorney, B. S. Varian. Work on the $35,000 depot building at Weiser is rapidly progressing.

Harry Green, son of W. H. H. Green, of the Puget Sound Machinery Depot, and contracting freight agent of the Great Northern in Portland, is seriously ill at a Portland hospital, owing to an operation for appendicitis performed upon him last Sunday.