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BAKER WALSH MUST SERVE FIVE YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON

United States Circuit Court of Appeals Affirms Decision of Lower Court in Case of Aged Millionaire

Aggregate Penalty of 540 Years at Fort Leavenworth Possible Under Verdict of Jury Which Was Acted Upon Today—Prisoner Waged Most Bitter Fight

(Special from United Press.)
Chicago, Oct. 5.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Judges Brockup, Baker and Humphrey sitting today affirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of John R. Walsh, the aged millionaire banker convicted of wrecking three Chicago banks. This decision means that Walsh's motion for a new trial is denied. Unless the Supreme Court of the United States reverses the appellate court, Walsh will have to serve five years in the Federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas.
The decision handed down today by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals marks another step in Walsh's long fight against his foes, which includes many powerful financiers.
An aggregate penalty of 540 years in the Federal prison at Fort Leavenworth was possible under the verdict of the jury which was acted upon today. Walsh was waged a bitter fight since January 18, 1908, to avoid the prison term and his opponents—the government lawyers headed by United States District Attorney Sims—have been just as insistent in demanding that he occupy one of the cells in "Bankers Row" at Leavenworth.
Walsh was convicted on 54 counts of an indictment involving nine series of transactions. These included the loaning of bank money on memoranda, the issuing of bonds and the purchase of bonds of Illinois Southern and Wisconsin and Michigan Railroads. According to the state these "memoranda notes" were issued for an amount just below the legal limit, usually for \$30,000. They were signed with the names of some of Walsh's employees; although without their knowledge or consent. The collateral to the notes was the bonds of Walsh's personal enterprises which the government decried were practically worthless. The notes were then to be discounted in the bank and cashier's checks were made out to a dummy.
Walsh then deposited the checks to his own credit in the bank and used the money for the promotion of his private enterprises.
When this verdict was given the jury declared that the defendant Walsh has misappropriated \$1,000,000 although the indictment charged \$7,000,000. The three Walsh enterprises, the Chicago National Bank, the Home Savings Bank, and the Equitable Trust Company, closed their doors after the inquiry into their conditions had been made by C. H. Bosworth, National Bank Examiner, and State Bank Examiner Jones. The long negotiations concerning the building of the Walsh railroads particularly the Chicago Southern into Chicago, were investigated and the clearing house disposed of most of the realty available.
An indictment containing 182 counts was returned Jan. 19, 1907, against Walsh and the case was called in November. The verdict finding Walsh guilty on 54 counts was returned by the jury in Judge Anderson's court, January 18, 1908. A motion for a new trial was overruled March 13 and the banker was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. The appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals by Walsh was argued May 20 and 21, 1909.

TROLLEY CONNECTION WITH STRATFORD, VIA. BARNUM AVE. MAY BE SOON REALIZED

Judge Charles H. Peck Informed that the Connecticut Company Is Willing to Lay Tracks If It Receives Permission.

The long wished for extension of the trolley lines in Barnum avenue may soon be a thing of reality. Within three weeks engineers have gone over the line and reported to the Connecticut Company. Judge Charles H. Peck, of Stratford, one of the leaders in the movement to have the line built, has received assurances from the company, within the three days, it will be constructed.
The company is said to be ready to build the line as soon as Bridgeport and Stratford consent. The company doubtless will file petitions and plans of layout with the town and the city authorities soon.
If the permission is granted promptly the company may build before cold weather sets in.
The proposed line will connect the present terminal of the Barnum avenue line at Summerfield E. Church, east of Central avenue, with the Paradise Green and Shelton lines, in Main street, Stratford. For several years many workmen have been building homes at Hillside heights have been walking miles to their work in this city.

JOSEPH P. GRAY DANES ARE STILL IS DEAD OF LOCKJAW

Any Suggestion Regarding Data Meets With Approval OF ROYAL UNIVERSITY
Copenhagen, Oct. 5.—Any suggestion that Dr. Frederick A. Cook may make for a scientific investigation of the data of his North Pole discovery is likely to meet with the full approval of the Royal University of Copenhagen.
The authorities of the university, including Rector Torp, were interviewed yesterday by Dr. Cook's latest offer to submit his evidence simultaneously to the Danish university and the American Geographical Society, provided the latter does not give out its result ahead of the Danish decision. They indicated their willingness to spare the priority of their investigation with the American society, but would make no definite statement for fear of embarrassing the American explorer.
The Danes are still unanimously loyal to Dr. Cook and are as firmly convinced of the correctness of his claims as on the day when the Royal University awarded him a gold medal. There is no question but the Royal University would like to be the first to pronounce officially on his evidence but if he desires the American Geographical Society to act simultaneously with it, the Danish university will willingly agree.

STARR STATE ABOVE \$10,000

Margaret Dittmans was today appointed administratrix of the estate of the late Peter D. Barn Starr. He left an estate valued at more than \$10,000. Edward S. Warnes and Floyd A. Jewell were appointed appraisers.
Henry A. Jennings was appointed administrator of the estate of the late Nellie M. Jennings. Edwin B. Sutfill and John J. Alvord were appointed appraisers.

CONSUMMATION OF RAILROAD HARBOR GRAB PRECIPITATES FIGHT TO SAVE SEASIDE PARK

Park Commissioner George M. Eames Declares that Locomobile Company Can Fill In Twenty Acres

History of "Little Joker" Legislation Under Which City Will Be Obligated to Pay Damages

Mellen Writes Letter Withdrawing Damages Suit Which Railroad Had Brought Against City

By a vote of 15 to 6 the aldermen, last night, confirmed the grant of 12 acres of harbor to the New Haven railroad company. This part of the long and bitterly contested harbor fight is probably at an end. The city, bound hand and foot by legislation, has abandoned under the direction of fathers and treacherous servants all of its rights.
But a new harbor fight has opened, which will be waged largely by the Park Commissioners for the protection of Seaside Park.
The aldermen last night, repealed all harbor lines in front of the property of the Locomobile Company. This gives the company a clear and indisputable right to fill in a large part of the area of the water in the neighborhood of Seaside Park. This is the same area for the possession of which the city fought before the legislature in 1907. George M. Eames, president of the Board of Park Commissioners, estimated the amount of harbor that the Locomobile company can fill in at 20 acres, and this estimate is very conservative.
The matter came up on a report from the board of assessors, whom the whole harbor line has been referred for an assessment of benefits and damages. The assessors pointed out that two lines had been laid in front of the property of the Locomobile company, making the matter so vague and indeterminate that they were unable to perform their duty with respect to it.
The harbor committee, whose chairman Alderman John H. Tague was especially selected by Mayor Lee, to handle the harbor grab for him, reported a new line, exactly identical with the United States government, or east of the line, to the inner breaker. Beyond this point no line was recommended, or laid.
The vote in favor of this report was as follows: Aldermen Wilson, Gould, Wilder, Bertillon, Fletcher, Bullard, O'Connell, Hartley, Primrose, Fevry, Zink, Cassidy, Newell, and Eames. Aldermen Griffin, Meyer, McMurray, Mahoney, Carroll and Thomas, 6.
Aldermen O'Neill, Comer and Finlan were absent.
Alderman Mahoney was the only member of the harbor committee opposed. He maintained his attitude of hostility to the grab, which he has consistently presented. Alderman McMurray led the fight against the grab. Alderman Meyer was the only Republican who voted against it.
The line as now established will be as follows: The present harbor line, the board of Appraisal of Benefits and Damages.
Alderman Gould presented a letter from the board of assessors, which the New Haven Railroad company agrees to withdraw its suit against the city with costs.
The order to lay the harbor line in front of the property of the Locomobile company. This is because of an amendment to the harbor line, which has been repeatedly been exposed by the Farmer as the "Little Joker" amendment. Prior to the passage of this legislation the city had the right to lay harbor lines to protect navigation, that the state had. The powers of the state over navigable waters and the lands beneath such navigable waters are equal to the powers of the Federal government, but much greater.
It will be remembered that the harbor grab had its origin in the case of Harry Taylor, at the sole request of the New Haven Railroad company recommended to the Federal government to change the harbor line. This recommendation was accepted. The change had the effect of giving the New Haven Railroad company the right to fill in a large portion of the water front. The city, to prevent this, immediately exercised its right to lay harbor lines, by placing a line much nearer the shore than the railroad line.
Then the Consolidated railroad brought suit against the city, claiming damages for the destruction of its riparian rights, which consisted essentially in the right to wharf out.
The suit lay idle in the courts, because the charter of the city authorized the state to lay harbor lines without paying damages for riparian rights.
The state of Connecticut owns all the soil under the beds of navigable streams. It may grant this soil to individuals. It may grant this soil to such soil to the Locomobile company in 1905, although a large portion of the grant was repealed in 1907.
That is in 1905 the state made the Locomobile company a present of 40 odd acres of harbor and in 1907 it took back more than half the gift.
But those who own property along a navigable water may wharf out to the channel of the same, unless the state has laid, or caused to be laid, a harbor line to be paid to protect navigation.
The state had authorized the city of Bridgeport to lay harbor lines along the Pequonnock river, the same as the state itself could lay them, or as the United States Government could lay them, without paying damages, who were prevented from wharfing out.
But in the last session of the legislature an amendment to the charter was prepared, which compelled the city in laying harbor lines to pay damages. This "Little Joker" was first discovered among a batch of charter amendments proposed by Mayor Lee. It was given to the newspapers by the mayor's stenographer. It was promptly exhibited by the Farmer in its true colors, and Mayor Lee explained it as "a clerical error."
A few days later the identical "Little Joker" appeared in the Farmer, was introduced by Representative Fayette C. Clark. Again its true nature was exposed by the Farmer. Harbor Master Charles E. Morris also addressed to each representative a letter explaining the nature of the bill. Representative Clark subsequently disclaimed the bill, and it afterwards became known that it had been prepared by counsel for the New Haven

IMMENSELY RICH WOMAN DIES ON STEAMER TODAY

Marquize Mary Des Montiers-Merenville, Formerly Miss Gwendoline Caldwell

(Special from United Press.)
New York, Oct. 5.—The Marquize Mary Des Montiers-Merenville, aged 48, formerly Miss Gwendoline Caldwell, daughter of William S. Caldwell of Louisville, Ky., died early today on board the steamer Kron Prinzessin Cecil just as that liner was off Sandy Hook. The Marquize had been a sufferer from Bright's disease for a number of years and was returning to America for medical treatment, but her body was brought to port. The Marquize has made her home in Rome for a number of years.
The Marquize was immensely rich. A quarter of a century ago her name was known in the social circles of every city in the globe. Up to 1880 she had been a Protestant, but announced her intention of taking the veil. She gave hundreds of thousands of dollars to Catholics. She was then living with her parents in Louisville. She failed to enter a convent however, and her interest in the Catholic church increased. In 1895 she caused a sensation by insisting that her portrait be removed from Caldwell Hall in the Catholic University at Washington. Later she demanded that her name be erased from Caldwell Hall. Both her requests were met.
In 1897 she was married to the Marquize Des Montiers-Merenville and has been in America but twice since that time. Her husband is in Paris and a cable has been sent him announcing that half her fortune be settled upon him.
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AGAINST THE MACHINE

Ninth District Republican Delegates Explain Their Position.

Editor of the Farmer, Sir:
We note an article in your issue of last evening in regard to the political situation in the Ninth District which is slightly misleading and we ask the courtesy of setting matters straight. The ticket which contains our names is an absolutely unpledged and independent ticket. We have fixed upon no special men as candidates for any office in the present election of men who deserve and command the respect of all Republican voters. We are against the continuance in power of the machine which at present controls the Ninth district, in so far as the Republican party is concerned. We do not believe that that machine represents the sentiments of the district and we shall go before them asking that, by their votes, they will tell us whether they are for the machine or for the people.
OLIVER B. BEERS,
STEPHEN ERHARDT,
WILLIAM R. ABERCROMBIE.

DELIVERY HORSE MAKES WILD DASH

Driver Sticks Pluckily to His Seat Until Expressman Hickey Knots Rope Over Animal's Nose.

Frank Smith, driver of one of the delivery wagons of the Howland Dry Goods Co., had the right of way on Main street at Stratford 10 o'clock this morning for 10 minutes during which time the horse hitched to the wagon dashed down the street, after the bit and bridle had broken, and did not stop until it had turned into Wall street and collided with a carriage belonging to the David Trubee Co. wholesale dealers. No one was hurt and the wagons and carriages in the mix-up were not damaged further than a few scratches. The horse was unhurt. John Hickey the expressman happened along at the time and fastened a rope around the horse's nose and got him under control. Smith was not thrown from his seat. He was unharmed however, and quit work for the rest of the morning.

ORIGIN OF FIRE IS MYSTERIOUS

Home of Governor Draper in Boston Destroyed, Causing Loss of \$200,000

RIGID INVESTIGATION ON

(Special from United Press.)
Boston, Oct. 5.—Governor Eben S. Draper's home at 150 Beacon street, was practically destroyed by a fire of mysterious origin early today, causing a loss variously estimated at between \$100,000 and \$200,000. The element of mystery surrounding the circumstances of the fire has formed the basis of a rigid investigation now being conducted by the city and state police.
Governor Draper was at his Hopeville home and was notified of the fire in the Poll building, where he had a tenant Governor Louis A. Frothingham, who resides two doors from the Draper home, was on the scene as soon as the fire department arrived and at once notified Governor Draper who hurried to Boston to do what he could to assist the officers in the investigation of the cause.
HERB HEARS SHOTS.
Patrolman Herb heard two shots in the direction of Brookline about midnight last night, while he was patrolling his beat on North avenue. He investigated, but found nothing.

NEW VOTERS' ATTENTION

"Now is the time for all young men to come to the aid of their party." All new voters desiring to file applications "to be made" voters, should file the office of the general registrars of voters in the city hall open every evening from 7 to 9 o'clock until October 11. No applications "to be made" voters, should be received after 5 p. m. on that day.
The Selection of the city will meet on Saturday, Oct. 23, and Monday, October 25, for the purpose of making voters. The sessions will be held in the Common Council chamber.

VOTING MACHINE FOR VOTERS' USE READY.

A voting machine was placed in the corridor of the City Hall today for the use of persons desiring to examine the machine and become acquainted with its use.

RUDERMANS, RICH JUNKMEN FORFEIT BAIL AND SKIP TO AVOID TRIAL FOR THEFT

Six Pieces of Real Estate Owned by Accused Are Transferred to N. C. Herz, Bondsman

Rudermans Were Accused of Receiving Property Stolen from Junkyard of M. H. Rogers

When the case of Harris and Charles Ruderman, charged with statutory burglary, was called in the Criminal Superior Court this morning, neither put in appearance. They had jumped bail. Their bonds will be called later in the day, being \$1,500 in each case. Isador Birnbaum, a saloon keeper on Water street went surety for Harris and Nathan Herz for Charles.
The Rudermans are charged with buying stolen property from John Machlinski and Frank Strusinski, both of whom have confessed to their crime. Their seat of operations was in the junk yard of Col. M. H. Rogers, and their depredations had been going on for some time. They found willing buyers in the Rudermans, who encouraged them to keep up their work. The yards of the Rudermans and of Rogers adjoin, so that it was an easy matter for them to slip junk from piles owned by Rogers over to the Rudermans. Sentence, in the cases of the two young men will be passed in a few days.
In the town clerk's office this morning two warranty deeds were filed whereby Harris Ruderman who was on the docket to answer to the charge of statutory burglary in the superior court this morning, deeded six pieces of real estate to N. C. Herz. The property is said to be all the realty owned by Mr. Ruderman in this city. It included property in South avenue, Main street, James street, Calhoun avenue, Housatonic avenue, and Wheeler avenue.

NEW BRIDGE LAGS UNDONE

Stoddard Says Spring Will Come Before Structure Is Ready

Yet High Bidders Were Selected Because They Would Complete Structure on Time

It is apparently a very good thing for the Snare Trust Co. that there is no penalty written in to its contract with the city for not having the Congress street bridge completed within the specified time.
A competent bridge builder, who is familiar with the work, and who looked over the job yesterday, said the bridge would be most fortunate if it is able to have the bridge opened by May 15.
The time prescribed in the contract for the completion of the bridge was Nov. 15 of this year. Engineer Stoddard, who is supervising the building of the bridge said this afternoon that it would be well into Spring before the bridge will be ready for public use.
The bridge commission awarded the contract to Snare & Trust, whose bid was \$8,000 higher, than that of the lowest bidder on the allowed ground that the latter would get the bridge finished in November. The O'Brien Construction Co. was the lowest bidder and which was willing to post a forfeit to build the bridge within a specified time for April suggests that the bridge will be ready for public use.
The Snare & Trust Co. claim to have had unexpected trouble with the west abutment of the bridge which they say was found to be sliding into the river and had to be anchored. It was also they say necessary to increase the size of the west abutment. But prior to that time progress was slow. One business man familiar with the situation who heard that a celebration upon the opening of the bridge was being talked of for April suggests that it be held on July 4.

FAINT CRIES FOR HELP ARE HEARD

Workmen Frantically Trying to Make Opening to Young Man Entombed.

HE MAY STARVE TO DEATH

(Special from United Press.)
Central Islip, L. I., Oct. 5.—John Coffey, the young man who was entombed Saturday night when quicksand, through which he was sinking a well, caught in, is still believed to be alive, although covered with some eighty feet of earth. Workmen who have been frantically trying to make an opening to the unfortunate, heard faint cries for help early today coming from a two-inch pipe which protrudes from the well shaft. They pounded on the pipe in response to the faint cries. It is believed that a new shaft so that Coffey can be extricated. A well high hopeless task, however, as the nature of the soil makes progress for help by two men can work in the excavation at once and the quicksand makes it necessary to timber every foot as they progress.
In the hope of reaching the unfortunate with water and nourishment, an effort is to be made to send a small pipe through the debris and one for help to-day coming from a two-inch pipe which protrudes from the well shaft. They pounded on the pipe in response to the faint cries. It is believed that a new shaft so that Coffey can be extricated. A well high hopeless task, however, as the nature of the soil makes progress for help by two men can work in the excavation at once and the quicksand makes it necessary to timber every foot as they progress.

CITY COURT CASES

Three small boys, Samuel Horwitz, Frank Warren and Edward Allen were in the city court this morning before Judge Foster for playing "hooky." They admitted their guilt, but pleaded the beautiful weather, blue skies and chestnuts. They were discharged.
Grant McKeel, who was arrested by Police Constable for trying to slide into the Imperial Moving Picture Palace on Stratford avenue on horseback, forfeited a \$10 bond.
A man who was arrested for making a disturbance on Barnum avenue yesterday was fined \$4 and costs. He went to jail. He had been drinking and was singing a sea song. He said he was waiting for a wagon to take him to the boat.

(UNCLASSIFIED.)

- TO RENT—New apartments just completed, 6 rooms all improvements, 1476-1482 East Main St. a 7p
- GOOD LOOKING feet are a prize. Call on Dr. Mansfield, 201 Meigs Bldg. Every afternoon and Sunday. a 7p
- TO RENT—Five rooms, all improvements. Enquire 851 Wood Ave. G 4 s p o
- LOST—Lady's gold watch. Initials M. B. Reward at 255 Park avenue. G 4 u p o
- TICKLE THAT LAZY LIVER with Casca Laxine Tablets for constipation.
- FOR SALE—\$350 upright piano for \$140. Must be sold at once. 344 Noble avenue. G 4 u p o
- TO RENT—6 room flat, improvements 544 Fairfield avenue. L S. Catlin & Co., 107 Wall St. G 2 s p o
- OLD HOMESTEAD CAFE, hot and cold lunch all day. Look in corner E. Main and Walter Sts. M. F. O'Connor, Prop. A 19 s t f o
- BRIDGEPORT Housecleaning Bureau. Ashes, rubbish removed. 483 Newfield avenue. Telephone 1316-5. Ralph L. Miller, Prop. G 2 t f o
- OPPORTUNITY—Meat market and grocery store or pen on easy terms, good location, reasonable rent. Enquire 1205 Stratford Ave. I 21 s t f o
- TO RENT—Desk room with roll top desk. 416 Warner Building. I 2 s t f o
- TYPEWRITING—Mimeographing. Notary Public. Sears, 108 Meigs Bldg. P 17 t f o
- THE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL, 53 Fairfield avenue, September 25th, eighteen last year. The course of study includes all subjects required for admission to the leading universities and technical schools. Individual work. Office hours, afternoon even. I 2 t o
- NOTICE
There will be a meeting of the Second District Democratic Club, Tuesday, Oct. 5th, at 8 p. m., 22 Lafayette street and corner Railroad avenue. All Democrats of Second District are invited to attend.
JOHN H. McMURRAY, Pres. G 4 b o