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SECKENDORFS SEE TREASURES SOLD

Countess' Personal Effects Go Under Hammer to Satisfy Many Creditors.

\$4,000,000 ESTATE IS SAID TO BE GONE

Woman Well Known in Washington, Watches Auctioneer Sell \$500 Bokhara Rug for \$150.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—To the droning sound of the voice of the auctioneer as he struck his hammer, saying, "Sold for a dollar and a half," the Countess M. G. Seckendorf saw a \$500 Bokhara rug pass from her possession into the hands of another. This was but one of the treasures of the late Countess' household and personal effects, which is being made to satisfy the claims of creditors. Five years ago the countess, then the widow of John O. Donner, came into an estate of \$4,000,000. Today, according to her creditors, the last vestige of her fortune is gone, and she is in debt to the sum of \$10,000.

The countess, who, not many years ago bedecked herself with diamonds, gave sumptuous banquets to persons whose names are familiar throughout the country, and maintained country homes and stables in several cities and towns, stood in the beautiful mansion known as "Ramapo Farm," at Hokokus, N. J., and saw a picture worth \$2,000 sold for \$5. She saw the contents of her boudoir disposed of for \$10,000 to satisfy the claims of creditors, who declare that the countess has gone through her immense fortune because of her alleged extravagance.

Rich Rugs Sold.

Rich rugs, tapestries and furniture purchased by her first husband, John O. Donner, treasurer of the Havemeyer sugar concern, were sold by James P. Sill and August W. Clark, the New York auctioneers. Three attempts had been made in the past by attorneys for friends and creditors of the woman to conduct such a sale, so that she might be freed from debt. The sale will continue for two days more, there being 1,200 articles to be disposed of.

The beautiful home in which the sale began yesterday is one of the show places of Bergen county, N. J. There are 30 acres on the estate, which is overshadowed by the Ramapo mountains. There are numerous streams and waterfalls on the grounds, and until about a year ago everything was spick and span. Now, it is believed, the Havemeyers and other wealthy residents of the section will have other neighbors on the estate than the count, who claims relationship with Kaiser Wilhelm.

Said to Owe \$100,000.

It is said that the countess owes about \$100,000, although the figure has not been authoritatively announced. Some years ago Miss Julia Davidson, the present countess, entered the employ of Mrs. John O. Donner as maid. The Donners had a daughter named Elsie, and Miss Davidson cared for the child. About six years ago Mrs. Donner died, and Donners married and moved to Washington. Immediately the house became the center of social life among the wealthy people of the district. Servants were everywhere, and Mrs. Donner began to enjoy life to the utmost. Her millionaire husband was devoted to her, and his affection for her was mutual. Two years ago, however, Mrs. Donner's daughter, still lived on the estate.

After Donner's death five years ago, Mrs. Donner came into the great fortune. She went to Washington and mingled with the fashionable set there, meeting the friends of her late husband. After the wedding the couple purchased a tract of land in the South, established a residence in the Elwyn, and began the most entertaining, which now is believed to have come to an end.

Well Known Here.

The Count and Countess Seckendorf are well known in Washington society, where the former has been a conspicuous figure for many years. He was at one time connected with the New York Tribune and was widely known as a newspaper correspondent.

The marriage of the count to the daughter of the late John O. Donner, which was a surprise, Mrs. Donner had and still maintains a home at

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WEATHER REPORT.

The tropical storm that was near the Great Bahama Bank early Thursday morning has recurred northward between the Florida coast and Nassau, Bahamas, and is now central some distance off the north Florida coast and moving in a northeasterly direction. All vessel interests were advised Thursday that dangerous storms would prevail off the Atlantic coast of the United States during the next few days.

A disturbance of marked intensity has appeared over the plateau region, and will advance thence eastward and reach the Atlantic coast States Tuesday or Wednesday.

During the next thirty-six hours fair weather with strong northerly winds will prevail over the middle and south Atlantic States with lower temperatures tonight, followed Saturday and Sunday by warmer weather.

TEMPERATURE.	
WEATHER BUREAU.	
9 a. m.	50
10 a. m.	50
11 a. m.	50
12 noon.	54
1 p. m.	54
2 p. m.	54
3 p. m.	56

SUN TABLE.	
Sun rises.	5:58
Sun sets.	5:48

TIDE TABLE.	
High water today.	12:10 a. m.
Low water today.	7 a. m.
High water tomorrow.	1:15 p. m.
Low water tomorrow.	8 a. m.

MAY DEBATE



**JAMES L. FEENEY (above)
SAM DE NEDREY (below),**
Associate Editors on the Trades Union-ist, Feeney Supporting Taft and De Nedrey Bryan.

DE NEDREY REQUESTS FEENEY TO DEBATE

Labor Leaders, Supporting Opposite Candidates, May Speak Publicly.

James L. Feeney, president of the Bookbinders' Union, who has announced himself for Taft and Sherman, has been challenged to a political debate by Sam De Nedrey, secretary of the Central Labor Union. Mr. Feeney has accepted the challenge, and the fireworks will be held soon at a time and place to be announced later.

Mr. Feeney's announcement for the Republican ticket created something of a stir in local labor circles, in view of the effort being made on behalf of the Democratic ticket by Samuel Gompers. Both Mr. Feeney and Mr. De Nedrey are associate editors on the Trades Union-ist, the local labor paper, and their opposite political stands shows how the labor vote and influence is split in this campaign.

Voted for Cleveland.

Mr. Feeney said this morning: "I voted for Cleveland, but I will never vote for Bryan. Even if he should be elected, which is a very remote possibility, labor could obtain nothing of what it is demanding. The Republican platform promises everything we could hope to get, and I believe its promises will be carried out to the letter under Taft's administration."

Submits Proposition.

"If this is true that you are going to support the ticket above indicated, you should have the courage of the faith that is in you, and I, therefore, respectfully challenge you to joint debate, as to which of the two tickets union labor should support. My proposition follows: "That every member of organized labor should vote for Mr. Taft rather than for Mr. Bryan."

DIES BEFORE ALTAR.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—While receiving communion in the Church of Our Lady of Grace, Hoboken, today, James Clark, seventy years old, suddenly fell to the floor near the altar. Consternation reigned among the worshippers as the services were suspended, while Fathers Duffy and Fitzgerald carried the aged man to an ante-room, where Dr. Murray pronounced him dead.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return Saturdays and Sundays via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets good returning until Sunday night. All regular trains except the "Congressional Limited."

THEORY IS PROVEN, DECLARES DR. DETRE

Claims Tests Will Revolutionize Treatment of Tuberculosis.

HUNGARIAN EXPERT HAS MANY CONVERTS

Tells How Experiment Proves Humans Are Infected With Bovine Bacilli.

Dr. Ladislaus Detre, the Hungarian specialist, today jumped in a single bound into the forefront of the scientists of the world who are making a desperate fight against tuberculosis, proving to several hundred doctors at the congress now in session that his theory of diagnosis is correct, and declaring that his discovery meant a revolution in the treatment of the dread disease.

With eleven hollow-cheeked victims of the "white plague" from the Washington Tuberculosis Hospital to aid him, he demonstrated at the New National Museum that he was correct when he said he had found a method of diagnosis which would show whether a patient was infected with human or bovine tuberculosis. Incidentally, he delivered a hard blow to the theory to which Dr. Koch has hung—that human beings do not suffer from bovine infection exclusively. The blow is especially telling at this time when many scientists are refuting Dr. Koch's theory.

Room Was Crowded.

In section one, where the physician from Budapest demonstrated his diagnosis, the room was crowded to the doors by the throng of doctors who wished to listen to his words and see the physical proof of his theory. Several times during his talk he was interrupted by cheers and cries of approval from his audience. He bared the arms of the eleven patients from the hospital and showed them the manifestation of the reaction following inoculation with filtrate of human bacilli, filtrate of bovine bacilli, and old tuberculin.

The eleven men, victims of the disease, who volunteered to appear before the congress in the aid of science, were clad in khaki uniforms. It did not need a second look to see that most of them were in an advanced stage. Dr. Detre aligned them on the platform, and, taking them one by one, showed to the assembled scientists that in each case action had shown human infection, and in one case bovine infection.

Dr. Detre told of the results of his test to prove his theory, and the sceptical medical men, and, by the time he concluded his address, a great majority of his auditors expressed their belief in his words, and agreed that its effect on the present methods of treatment might amount to a complete overthrow of old methods and an adoption of a new course.

Tells of Experiments.

Dr. Detre told them that of the nine children which he inoculated with the filtrates of human and bovine bacilli at the Children's Hospital, reactions in seven cases showed that the patients were infected with human bacilli, one with mixed bacilli, and one with bovine bacilli. Of the nine children inoculated at the Washington Tuberculosis Hospital, eleven showed a human bacilli reaction and one a bovine bacilli reaction. He declared that this proportion of bovine infections was small in comparison to the number he had found in his tests at Budapest and Vienna, but he said he was satisfied that the dairy regulations are stricter in this country, and there is less bovine infection here.

Koch Stands Pat.

A meeting of distinguished medical men, called for the purpose of discussing Dr. Koch's position on the subject of bovine and human tuberculosis, was held at the New Willard today. The principal feature of the meeting was whether Dr. Koch would recant his position, that the susceptibility of human beings to bovine tuberculosis was a negligible possibility.

Schism Grows Wide.

The schism which Dr. Koch, the distinguished German scientist, has caused among the other scientists attending the tuberculosis congress, is likely to prove the big issue of the gathering. This morning a severe and informal discussion of the subject was held in the cabinet room at the New Willard Hotel, at which about twenty of the leading delegates to the congress were present.

Dr. Koch, to use an American colloquialism, was "put on the carpet," and the distinguished scientist evidently felt before of that he had not fallen among the good many occasions when he was on the bench. The very fact that he laid down against the workmen had later been successfully invoked by them in their struggle against the railroads, he declared.

Baltimore and Ohio Excursion. \$1.00 to Harpers Ferry and Martinsburg, \$2.00 to Cumberland and return. Special train leaves Union Station 8:15 a. m. Sunday, October 4th—adv.

POLITICIAN NOW UNDER FIRE

George R. Sheldon, Treasurer of the Republican National Committee, Is Charged With Being Identified With Rum Trust.

Director in Steel Company Opposed to Unions—Prominent in Banks and Railroads.



GEORGE R. SHELDON, Treasurer of the Republican National Committee.

AMERICAN AMBASSADORS NOT ON BEST OF TERMS

London Rumor Accredits United States Representative in France With Casting Covetous Eyes on Post at Court of St. James.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—A serious break in the cordial relations between White-Raid, American ambassador to England, and Henry White, his colleague at Paris, is rumored in the American colony here. The story, in an indefinite form, has been going the rounds for some time, but today it became tangible in the report that Ambassador White looks with covetous eyes on the post at the Court of St. James, a post that Mr. Reid has held for four years, and is loath to yield. Naturally, there is nothing in the records to bear out this report, but it is common talk in London, nevertheless.

It is an open secret that Mr. White has long wanted to come to London to round out his diplomatic career, which among other services, has included the secretaryship at the Berlin and London embassies and ambassadorship at Italy

and France. Every time he has been promoted, it is known that he felt that he was taking another step toward the goal of his ultimate ambition.

TAFT IS AWAKENED BY CHEERING CROWD

Stop at Nebraska Town Was Not Scheduled; Candidate Was Unprepared.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Oct. 2.—William H. Taft was awakened at 7:30 a. m. today by the cheers of a crowd of 600 at Gothenburg, Neb., where his train made the first stop of the day. As the candidate had gone to bed late, and had not been notified of the Gothenburg stop, he was not prepared to appear, and the crowd yelled itself hoarse in vain. Col. Dan Ransdel, the only member of the official party that was up, appeared on the back platform, and explained the situation to the cheering throng. In his speeches today, the candidate is comparing the prices now being paid for farm products, with those of the years when Democracy was in control.

Turns Back at Denver.

During the day he will speak at Kimball, Neb., Cheyenne, Wyo., and Julesburg, Greeley, La Salle and Denver, Colo., Denver is the outward mark of his present journey and after speaking there this evening, he will start back East.

Lecture Tonight.

There will be an interesting lecture in the main assembly hall of the Congress tonight at 8 o'clock by Prof. N. P. Tenteloo, of Leyden, Holland, a famous pathological expert. Prof. Tenteloo will speak on collateral tuberculosis inflammation, and the lecture will be given in English and open to the public.

WARRANT WITHDRAWN.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 2.—It is announced that the warrant for the arrest of Clarence Dewitt, the New York member of the firm of Meadows, Williams & Co., brokers, which was suspended recently, has been withdrawn. The warrant was issued in connection with the suit of W. R. Silverthorne against Harold G. Meadows. Mr. Dewitt today conferred with Mr. Silverthorne.

Baltimore and Ohio Return, \$1.25. Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Every Saturday and Sunday. All trains both ways, both days, except Saturday of Kentucky and Representative Richmond Pearson Hobson of Alabama.

SHELDON HIT BY HIS FOES AND OWN PARTY

Mack Says Treasurer Has Seventeen Corporate Affiliations.

ONCE IDENTIFIED WITH RUM TRUST

Director in Steel Company Opposed to Unions—Prominent in Banks and Railroads.

By J. C. WELLIVER.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—Chairman Mack today gave out the following statement, which he has been preparing for several days:

"The trust and corporation affiliations of George R. Sheldon, treasurer of the Republican national committee for the past ten years, make interesting reading in view of the recent developments in the campaign. "I wish to recall in this connection that because of those very associations of his, Governor Odell, in 1902, refused to permit his party leaders to put Mr. Sheldon in nomination for lieutenant governor."

"Governor Odell at that time declared he would not accept the nomination for head of the State ticket if Sheldon were named as his running mate. But while the Republican party has refused to put up Mr. Sheldon's name for a public office, it has for the identical reasons for this refusal, selected him for its campaign fund collector."

Represent Millions.

"This cannot be denied. Most of the corporations with which Mr. Sheldon is identified are capitalized for millions. How much the stock is of the liquid variety can be easily ascertained. Yet Mr. Roosevelt has defended him, and his resignation was not demanded when Mr. du Pont was invited to step down and out."

"Mr. du Pont was only identified with one trust, while Mr. Sheldon is at the present time intimately identified with no less than seventeen prominent financial concerns, as will be noted in the accompanying list. One of these, the Bethlehem Steel Company, does not employ union labor, and has opposed the organization of its employees for the past sixteen years. No further comment of mine is necessary."

Present Connections.

While Chairman Mack gives Sheldon's corporate affiliations for the last ten years, those with which he accuses the Republican treasurer of present connection are as follows:

- American Locomotive Company, director.
- Bethlehem Steel Company, director.
- Laclede Gas Light Company, director.
- Montreal Locomotive Works, director.
- Locomotive Security Company, director.
- Metropolitan Trust Company, director.
- Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company, director.
- Milwaukee Iron, Heat and Traction Company, director.
- National Copper Bank, director.
- Internal Revenue Company, treasurer and director.
- New Jersey Terminal Dock and Improvement Company, director.
- Republic Iron and Steel Company, director.
- Rogers Locomotive Works, director.
- St. Louis Transit Company, director.

TAFT SURE WINNER, STURGISS DECLARES

West Virginia Representative, Predicting State Victory, Says Bryan Would Evade Record.

"The difference between Taft and Bryan is this: Taft is running on his record, while Bryan is doing his best to run away from his record, and it's impossible for the man from Nebraska to do it," said Representative George C. Sturgiss, of West Virginia, in the Treasury Department this morning. Representative Sturgiss has just made a tour of the State in company with Governor Hughes of New York. Speaking of the trip, Representative Sturgiss said: "West Virginia is all right. We will elect the State ticket by 25,000, and Taft will carry the State by at least 20,000. Glasscock, our candidate for governor, gives strength to the State ticket. He will resign his office of collector of internal revenue just as soon as he can arrange his official papers. The appointment of his successor will not be named until after the election."

PRESIDENT REFUSES TAR HEELS REQUEST

Roosevelt Declines to Speak at Peace Conference to Be Held Soor.

A delegation of prominent citizens of Greensboro, N. C., invited the President today to attend the North Carolina peace congress, which will be held at Guilford Courthouse, October 11 to 17. The President expressed his regrets at not being able to attend.

North Carolina has arranged an elaborate celebration. In addition to the Southern good roads congress, and a centennial celebration, there will be a sham battle, and all sorts of fireworks, both oratorical and pyrotechnical.

Among the speakers at the peace congress will be Senator McCreary of Kentucky and Representative Richmond Pearson Hobson of Alabama.

\$1.25 To Baltimore and Return every day via "The Electric Line." Twilight excursions \$1.00 round trip, 4 p. m. returning up to midnight, Saturday and Sunday excepted. See time schedule—adv.

President Displeased by Inability to Get "Clean" Campaign Money.

FULLY EXONERATES PARTY CHAIRMAN

Holds Appointment of du Pont His Only Error—Trust Affiliations Undesirable.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—It is at last possible to give some facts about the latest outbreak of trouble concerning the management of the Republican campaign. There has been a vast deal of surmise, most of it erroneous.

The story that the President has been dissatisfied with the conduct of the campaign is correct, but the reasons for his dissatisfaction have not been correctly stated.

The President at no time has been seriously concerned about the management of affairs under the charge of Chairman Hitchcock. Aside from one serious misstep, which Mr. Hitchcock made, the appointment of general du Pont as manager of the campaign, the President has no special occasion for criticism. He understood the reasons why Mr. Hitchcock did not want to open a campaign before last September, and he approved. He did not expect, and there would be a large campaign fund, and the weeks of the fight, when it would do most good.

Root Made Inquiry.

The story that the President sent a representative to New York to investigate the management of the campaign is declared on the highest authority to be true. The man who was intrusted with this important mission, it is further stated, was no less a person than Secretary Root. He didn't come to town with brass bands, but he made a quiet inquiry which developed a most serious situation. In brief, it was this:

Treasurer George R. Sheldon has utterly failed to make good.

The usual channels through which in former years, funds have come to the committee have been closed. Mr. Sheldon has been entirely unequal to the task of organizing a campaign fund in the only way left, namely, by popular subscriptions.

Some of the most important sources of funds in former years were proscribed from the start by the President and Secretary Taft. It was decided that none of their money must be used. These were the very interests from which Mr. Sheldon would most easily have raised a fund.

When they were proscribed, Mr. Sheldon didn't know whether to turn. Important and powerful interests were barred from contributing, and other interests in the street and in business, whose contributions would have been in no wise objectionable, didn't show any willingness to loosen. The result was that with the "bad" money interests shut out, the "good" ones decided to contribute nothing.

Condition Menacing.

Some time ago it became apparent that the campaign matter was being managed in a most unbusinesslike manner. A scheme of popular subscriptions to be raised through State organizations, by canvassers, was organized. It has not been a success. It was started late, and is a project which requires time. Some of the State financial managers—a good many, in fact—have not given proper attention to this part of the matter. They didn't seem to take it seriously; they rather looked for money from the national committee, instead of expecting to send it in.

Two weeks or so ago it became necessary for the national committee to reduce expenses. Paid speakers were taken off the stump, and every effort was made to economize.

Chairman Hitchcock, utterly unable to finance his campaign, looked through the financial files of the committee. They have been demanding a large share of his attention ever since. Taft has not at his office, being in consultation with a hotel with a multimillionaire New Yorker, who is interested and disposed to help the committee out of its troubles. It is hoped that a financial plan may soon be devised which will make possible the carrying on of the work at full blast. All this has taken the chairman time away from his regular and proper work, and has left business in sad confusion.

Need of Money.

Appointments made with the chairman several days ago are being reorganized and postponed, because it is useless for him to consider political affairs until the financial situation is straightened out. There is no longer effort to deny that the situation is critical.

One complaint is that certain wealthy members of the Diplomatic Corps have done nothing for the fund. In past years these men have been solicited to contribute; and to be liberal. They aren't being asked this year, and while some of them have sent in checks, others have failed to do so, or have sent very small amounts. Then there is complaint because a lot of people holding honorary positions at Washington have been likewise remiss, people who have plenty of money and are looked upon as proper angels in time of need.

Chairman Is Worried.

Chairman Hitchcock is a badly worried man; but it can be said that the Administration's "investigation" of the campaign does not relate so much to

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