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Says Tennessee Company Was Absorbed to Avert Financial Panic.

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Does Not Believe Rumor That Stock Was Deliberately Hammered Down.

New York, July 28.—No ulterior motives lurked behind the taking over of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company by the United States Steel Corporation during the financial panic of 1907, in the opinion of L. C. Hanna, of Cleveland, one of the syndicate owners of the Tennessee concern before the merger, who spent the day on the witness stand before the steel trust investigating committee of the House of Representatives.

In answer to a series of questions by Representative Beall, of Texas, Mr. Hanna said he thought the Congressmen believed a plot had been framed whereby the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company would be gubbed up by the steel interests, but he had no knowledge of such a plot and did not credit such an idea. He declared that he still wished he could have held on to his stock, but, "as it is," he added, "it seemed absolutely necessary to sell it to avert serious trouble."

"Before the threatened failure of Moore & Schley," asked Representative Beall, "had not the United States Treasury poured \$50,000,000 into New York to stop the panic?"

"I think so," Mr. Hanna replied. "Also before that time," Mr. Beall continued, "had not Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan and his associates advanced \$5,000,000 to relieve the financial situation?"

"I heard it so stated," said Mr. Hanna. "After all that the panic was not averted," Mr. Beall retorted, "you tell me why the taking up of only \$5,000,000 in loans on the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company collateral of Moore and Schley effected that restoration of confidence in the business world which the United States Treasury and the Morgan millions had been unable to do?"

"The only explanation," Mr. Hanna replied, after some hesitation, "is that the panic up to that time had not reached that character of business hours which was involved in those days. Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, also questioned the report. 'The report has been current,' said Mr. Gardner, 'that an attempt was made by persons desirous of acquiring that concern to make it a private company and to induce banks to make it a private company on loans secured by that stock for the purpose of hammering down the Tennessee price so that it could be acquired by the United States Steel Corporation. Did you ever hear of that deal as a legitimate drive?'"

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CONVICTED OF PERJURY

Women Sought to Establish Alibi for Accused Police Chief.

New Orleans, La., July 28.—Mrs. Mary McCrackin, aged thirty-five, who attempted to establish an alibi for E. N. Whitaker, the former police chief in the latter's trial for perjury charges in the Volney Davis case, was today sentenced to serve one year in the State Penitentiary on a perjury conviction.

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PREFERS PRISON TERM

Anthony Valliere Will Not Bring Disgrace on Children.

New Orleans, La., July 28.—"Rather than divulge that which I know would cause a stigma on children, I would prefer to serve the rest of my life in the penitentiary." These are the words of Anthony Valliere, aged fifty, just before he was sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary. After living together thirty-three years, Valliere and his wife recently separated, and several weeks ago he and Mrs. Valliere and one of his daughters were shot and killed several shots at the former, slightly wounding her.

SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN IS STARTED IN BRISTOL

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Bristol, Va., July 28.—The campaign for the candidacy of Jones and Glass for the United States Senate was started in Bristol to-night, when Thomas J. Downing, of Lancaster, spoke to a small audience in the City Hall. He reviewed briefly the records of Martin and Swanson, insisting that Martin had not been true to the Democracy, but had shown himself a tool of the interests, while Swanson's administration as Governor, he declared, would not stand the test. He also took a rap at Governor Mann and charged that he, Martin and Swanson stood for the liquor interests, and that Mann was elected because of certain pledges to the liquor people.

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W. H. Berry

WOMAN KILLED BY BOILER EXPLOSION

Charlotte, N. C., July 28.—Miss Tina Blackwell is dead, and her father, brother and sister are seriously injured as the result of a boiler explosion at the father's sawmill in Cabarrus county to-day.

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May Be Parties to International Marriage



Lord Camoys, who was one of the ushers at the Gould-Deedes wedding. (Copyright, American Press Ass'n.)

WOLFE'S SLAYERS STILL UNFOUNDED

Some Now Believe That Wealthy Merchant Was Killed Accidentally.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Bristol, Va., July 28.—No new developments have been reported from the scene of the killing of George W. Wolfe, the wealthy merchant of Speers Ferry, Scott county, whose body was found in a cattle guard of the Virginia and Southwestern Railway, near Clinchport, Thursday. Although the coroner's jury came to the conclusion that Wolfe was murdered, a prominent Virginian who was here to-day, stated that he had been told by persons who saw Wolfe at Clinchport Wednesday evening, that he was intoxicated and not in condition to undertake to walk home from there. Those who take the view that Wolfe was murdered are not disposed to credit the robbery theory, but express the belief that, if killed, it was by friends of Jim Wright, the alleged outlaw, who was shot to death by a posse after he had murdered John Templeton, in Scott county, Wolfe having been a member of the posse.

District Attorney Whitman said to-day that he would bring the case to the grand jury Monday, and there would be speedy indictment and trial. Geidel left Farmington, Conn., three months ago.

An hour after the arrest Police Commissioner Dougherty and District Attorney Whitman brought out from the room where they had been closeted with Geidel a long typewritten confession, which they said the lad had dictated and signed, giving a full account of the crime. Robbery was the motive, according to the statement, but the murder netted Geidel only \$6 in cash and a gold watch, which he pawned for \$15 more.

Geidel was a bellboy at Mr. Jackson's hotel until last Friday, when he was discharged. He was without money. On going to his rooming place, he noticed a bottle of chloroform which his landlady had purchased a few days before in order to kill painlessly an aged pet dog. It occurred to him that he might obtain money by chloroforming and robbing the owner, who was reputed to carry large sums about with him.

The confession, as given out by the police, continues substantially as follows: "Late Wednesday night I entered the basement of the hotel and walked unobserved by the rear staircase to the tenth floor. I climbed into the bath room of Mr. Jackson's apartment through a transom on the corridor. "He woke as I was preparing to drop the chloroform-soaked rag over his face, and instead of becoming unconscious at once with the drug he began a desperate fight. I hit him hard in the face, and he snaked down helplessly. Then the chloroform did the rest.

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He Tells Gruesome Story of How He Murdered Aged Broker.

New York, July 28.—Paul Geidel, a seventeen-year-old bellboy, was brought before the coroner's jury to-day, charged with the killing of William Henry Jackson, the aged broker, whose dead body was found in his apartment at the Hotel Ingham, yesterday with a rag saturated with chloroform stuffed in his mouth and his face wet with blood. Geidel was held on a charge of homicide to await the action of the grand jury.

Within fifteen hours of the crime Geidel was caught and had confessed his act, it is said.

"I don't care what happens to me," said Geidel, "but what of my poor mother and sisters in Farmington, Conn?"

Patrick McCrane, charged with pawn-ing the watch which Geidel stole, also was held by the coroner's jury, which recommended that he be indicted as an accessory after the fact. McCrane lived at Hartford, Conn.

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PREPARING FOR TOGO

Suite of Twenty-Four Rooms Nearly Ready in New York Hotel.

New York, July 28.—A suite of twenty-four rooms in a Broadway hotel is being prepared for the accommodation of Admiral Togo and his staff, who will arrive here next week to be the guests of the nation. The rooms which they will occupy are on three floors, and include private dining rooms and a private elevator. The entire suite will be decorated after the Japanese fashion, while the parlors will bloom with imported Japanese flowers and plants.

Admiral Togo will reach New York August 3, and will go to Washington the next day, returning to this city a week later.

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RICHMOND MAN'S NARROW ESCAPE

With Young Woman Companion, He Nearly Drowns at Ocean View.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Norfolk, Va., July 28.—Miss Mae Griffin, of Raleigh, N. C., and J. M. Stephenson, of Richmond, were near drowning at Ocean View this afternoon. With other bathers they ventured to wade across the bar, and were soon in water up to their necks. The tide was ebbing, and before they realized that they were being swept beyond their depth they were over their heads. They could not wade against the outgoing tide.

Mr. Stephenson attempted to rescue Miss Griffin, but was soon exhausted. The young man was taken in by H. R. Dameron, E. H. Palmer and J. J. Fisher rescued Mr. Stephenson after considerable effort.

Madrid, July 28.—Premier Canalejas, outlined to-night the main features of the Franco-Spanish modus vivendi, entered into to prevent clashes in the Moorish troops and Spanish troops.

The agreement defines a line around the city on their own sides of which the Spanish and Moorish troops must keep. It also stipulates that diplomats and officers passing through the Alcazar region and on their way to Fez carry arms and have a small escort, but that ordinary travelers shall require a special passport.

In addition, Spain agrees not to enlist deserters from the Moorish army for police duty.

Premier Canalejas announced that the modus vivendi has been forwarded to Spanish commanders in Morocco.

Date Settled On. Milwaukee, Wis., July 28.—September 15 has been definitely fixed as the date for the Wolcott-McFarlane trial, which is scheduled to be pulled off in Milwaukee.

Funeral of Mrs. Proskauer. The funeral of Mrs. Zipporah W. Proskauer, who died on Thursday evening at the Memorial Hospital, will take place from 10 to 11 o'clock at 505 East Leigh Street, to-morrow afternoon. Interment will be made in the only daughter of the late Benjamin and Rachel Weisel.

Isaac Gold, Irving Simon, Melvin Eisenheimer, Daniel Adams, Melvin E. Meyers, Harry Reimold, Eli C. Meyer and Oscar J. Adams.

Edwin Carter Landis. Raleigh, N. C., July 28.—Judge Thos. Badger, of the Raleigh City Court, died at his home in Raleigh at 2 o'clock this morning.

Edwin Carter Landis. Lexington, Va., July 28.—Edwin Carter Landis, aged twenty-seven years, died in a hospital in Detroit, Mich., Wednesday night and the body was brought to Richmond today for burial. The funeral being held from the home of Frank T. Glasgow, conducted by Dr. A. Graham. Death was due to heart failure, which was an operation for appendicitis. His wife, who was Mrs. Nellie Glasgow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Glasgow, of Lexington, Va., and his mother, Mrs. Lottie Glasgow, died in 1908. He was a member of the Baptist church and was a native of Shenandoah county.

Edwin Carter Landis. Harrisonburg, Va., July 28.—Mrs. Lydia Hoover, seventy-five years old, widow of William Hoover, died yesterday near Strasburg. She leaves four children.

Mrs. Susan Fultz. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Harrisonburg, Va., July 28.—Mrs. Susan Fultz, eighty-three years old, widow of Andrew Fultz, died last night near Mt. Sidney, Augusta county. She leaves five children and a brother, Hugh Pence, of Mt. Clinton, Rockingham county. She was a native of Shenandoah county.

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