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MELLEN INDICTED TO SHIELD MORGAN

Dramatic Climax Marks Close of Testimony of New Haven's Former President. MAY BE RECALLED TO STAND

Took Punishment Because He Believes It Would Have Killed Aged Financier.

Washington, May 22.—A dramatic climax marked the close of the sensational testimony of Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New Haven Railroad before the Interstate Commerce Commission to-day, when, with evidence of deep emotion, Mr. Mellen declared the late J. Pierpont Morgan was cognizant of the Grand Trunk negotiations, on which he (Mellen) was originally indicted for violation of the Sherman anti-trust act, and that he took the indictment that belonged to him (Morgan), believing it would have killed the aged financier if he had been indicted.

Mr. Mellen spoke with intense feeling as he related his efforts to shield the elder Morgan. This turned quickly to a show of resentment, however, as he told how the present J. Pierpont Morgan had suggested a change in the presidency of the New Haven, at which suggestion, Mr. Mellen declared with emphasis: "I called his attention to the fact that I had been suffering under the humiliation of an undeserved indictment to protect his father."

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CANAL LOCKS ENTIRELY SAFE

Attempted Fraud Discovered Before Inferior Steel Is Delivered. Washington, May 22.—The great steel locks in the Panama Canal are as strong and as safe as engineering skill can make them, and there is not the slightest danger to life or property in their use, notwithstanding the disclosure of attempted fraud in the supply of proper metal for their construction.

AT LEAST THREE LIVES LOST

Fifty Persons Plunged Into River When Gangway Breaks. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Hoboken, May 22.—The great river, of Hoboken, is being dragged to-night for the bodies of at least three persons who were plunged into the water when a gangway broke in a tugboat on the pier just before she sailed to-day.

GREEK VESSEL DESTROYED

Action Taken by Sympathizers of Florida Spongers. Key West, Fla., May 22.—An Angered because a Greek fleet has been working the sponge fields near here, sympathizers of local spongers, to-day attacked and destroyed one of the Greek vessels and threw the captain overboard when it arrived in port here.

GUilty OF MANSLAUGHTER

George W. Tidwell, Sr., Convicted of Murder. Greenville, S. C., May 22.—George W. Tidwell, Sr., a traveling salesman, to-day was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury of twelve men in the shooting and killing of J. Emmett Walker, paymaster of a local cotton mill and prominent local official.

SAMUEL GOMPERS ON STAND

Examined in Debate Between Federation of Labor and Socialist Party. New York, May 22.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, took the witness stand to-day for examination by Morris Hillquit in the debate between the two before the United States Commission on Industrial Relations on the respective merits of the American Federation of Labor and the Socialist party.

PRESIDENT ACCEPTS

Will Become Honorary Head of Jewish Army and Navy League. New York, May 22.—Announcement was made to-day that President Wilson has accepted the nomination of President of the Jewish Army and Navy League, a newly organized body, with headquarters in New York.

SENTENCE IS DEFERRED

British Army Officers and Civilians Plead Guilty to Gun Charges. London, May 22.—Plea of guilty was entered to-day by seven of the eight civilians charged in January last with graft in connection with contracts for supplying army cantinets.

SENSATIONAL STUNTS IN AIR

Lincoln Beachey Traces His Initials. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) New York, May 22.—At a height of 10,000 feet, Lincoln Beachey traces his initials in the sky with a new airplane at Brighton Beach race track to-day.

VIRGINIAN ELECTED

W. C. Walstrom, of Roanoke, Head of Railroad Telegraph Superintendents. New Orleans, May 22.—The forty-third annual convention of Railroad Telegraph Superintendents concluded a three-day session here to-day. Officers were elected as follows:

EARNEST MCELROY DEFERS AS TO MEANS

Episcopal Council Calls for Constructive Effort to Diminish Liquor Consumption.

NO POLITICAL REFERENCE

Resolutions Call on All Christian Men to Use Their Clear-sighted Judgment.

Recognizing the fact that earnest and consecrated men may differ in opinion as to the best means to take in the diminution of the evils of liquor consumption, the one hundred and nineteenth annual Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Virginia yesterday afternoon passed resolutions ignoring existing political conditions, but calling on all Christian men to set in the light of their better judgment toward the ultimate annihilation of the liquor traffic.

SAYS EARNEST MEN MAY

LEGITIMATELY DIFFER. The resolution regarding the temperance matter, which was adopted by the council yesterday, follows: Resolved, That this Council of the Diocese of Virginia, recognizing that earnest and consecrated men may legitimately differ as to the ways and means by which the sale and consumption of liquor may best be discouraged and decreased, calls all Christian men, to the light of their best judgment, to give their influence and activity to a constructive effort to diminish the consumption and sale of liquor, and to set on foot such positive efforts as shall lead to the ultimate goal of the annihilation of traffic in intoxicating liquors as a factor in our civilization.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

ON PERSONAL PURITY. Resolutions on personal purity, which were adopted by the council yesterday morning, are along the line of thought on which Episcopal ministers at the University of Virginia, at the meeting place next year, and the adoption of resolutions for personal purity featured the morning session.

POINTS OF IMPORTANCE

REFERRED TO WASHINGTON. The fact that the mediators spent most of their time with the American commissioners to-day was said to be due to instructions to the latter to refer points of importance to the Washington government, as they advanced in the parleys.

ELLYSON IN WASHINGTON

To Make Arrangements for Gift Committee Trip to England. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Washington, May 22.—Lieutenant-Governor J. Taylor Elyson, chairman of the gift committee, will take a replica of Houdon's statue of Washington to England and present it to-day called on the British government here to make arrangements for the gift committee's trip to England.

AIRSHIP'S AMAZING SPEED

Naval Zeppelin Covers Distance of Ninety-Three Miles an Hour. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Berlin, May 22.—The amazing speed for an airship of ninety-three miles an hour was achieved to-day by a naval Zeppelin, which landed near Berlin after a thirty-six-hour flight.

KERMIT REACHES MADRID

Guest of Ambassador Willard and Family. Madrid, May 22.—Kermit Roosevelt, whose marriage to Miss Belle Wyatt Willard, daughter of Colonel Joseph E. Willard, American ambassador to Spain, is to take place early in June, arrived here to-day in the best of health and was met by the ambassador and members of his family, and drove with them to the embassy.

SILLIMAN IN MEXICO CITY

Under Protection of Federal Authorities, and is Well Treated. Mexico City, May 22.—Vice-Consul John R. Silliman arrived in Mexico City early to-day from Saultillo, and was taken to the Brazilian legation.

PROGRESS MADE AT EACH SESSION

Three Separate Conferences Between Mediators and American Delegates During Day.

MEXICANS NOT CONSULTED

Subject of Constitutionalist Participation Discussed Only in Informal Way.

Niagara Falls, Ontario, May 22.—Three separate conferences between the three South American envoys and the American delegates to-day constituted the work of the mediation conference here. The Mexican delegates were not called into consultation.

WASHINGTON GETS NEWS OF SILLIMAN'S SAFETY

Definite Word Removes One of Most Threatening Complications to Mediation. Washington, May 22.—The Mexican negotiations at Niagara Falls received the earnest attention of administration officials to-day. Several exchanges occurred between the American delegates and officials here, and the situation was reviewed at the Cabinet meeting after which further advice was forwarded to the American delegates.

REBEL FORCES OCCUPY SALTILLO

As Indicating Relief of Military Tension, Secretary Garrison and Wife Leave for Atlantic City. Washington, May 22.—The Mexican negotiations at Niagara Falls received the earnest attention of administration officials to-day. Several exchanges occurred between the American delegates and officials here, and the situation was reviewed at the Cabinet meeting after which further advice was forwarded to the American delegates.

OF MEXICAN DELEGATES

The statement follows: "In answer to the question addressed to the Mexican delegation inquiring what its attitude would be toward the representatives which, it is said, the rebel party will send to the conferences at present being held here, said delegates were explicit that they have received no official notice to the effect that the above named party is sending delegates; that should such delegates come, it does not know with what franchise they would do so, and that it is therefore impossible for the Mexican delegation to give an opinion on this matter."

CONNECTED WITH ARREST

While Silliman himself is safe, there remain several grave features connected with his arrest. Unofficial reports have indicated that he was placed under arrest while acting as a United States consul, was imprisoned, tried as a spy and condemned to death.

LENGTHY CONFERENCES ON MEDIATION PROGRAM

Washington, May 22.—A lengthy telegraphic conference between President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan and the American representatives in Mexico and the mediation proceedings in Niagara Falls was held to-day. There was also a long conference between Secretary Bryan and the Washington representatives of the Constitutionalist.

ASSURED OF EMPLOYMENT

Consul Miller at Tampico advised the State Department, however, that American employes should not return to the oil fields unless they are assured of employment, many companies having decided to limit operations. The consul also reported that while it had been impossible to get positive news of the American, Burwell, in the Ozulama district, all information tends to confirm the report that he has been killed.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL HELDS ITS ANNUAL SESSION

The Women's Council of the Southern Presbyterian Church, now in annual session in the Calvary Baptist Church, represents the women's auxiliary of the general assembly, the membership of the council consisting of the superintendent of the women's auxiliary, Mrs. W. C. Winsborough, of Kansas City, and the presidents of each of the fourteen synodical unions of the assembly. It is probable that a number of the women's auxiliary members will be present.

Guilty of Murder in First Degree



CHARLES BECKER.

NEWPORT NEWS CHOSEN FOR ASSEMBLY IN 1915

Virginia City Wins Over North Carolina, South Carolina and Alabama. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Kansas City, Mo., May 22.—Virginia City wins over South Carolina, Alabama and North Carolina as the choice of the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church for a meeting place for next year. East Hill, Montgomery, Ala., was chosen by the Synod of North Carolina, and Newport News, Va., was chosen by the Synod of Virginia.

EDUCATIONAL SESSION HELD

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STRESS ON IMPORTANCE OF DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS

These remarks followed the addresses in the interest of education delivered by Dr. W. J. Martin, moderator, and Rev. W. L. Lingard, of Richmond, in which the importance of denominational schools was emphasized without antagonism to the State system of education.

BECKER WITH CONTROL

BECOMES HIMSELF AGAIN. Becker's face was gray as he gripped the bar in front of him with all his strength. The big muscles in his neck jumped out as he rolled. The veins at his temples swelled. The great frame swayed and dropped; then, with quick control he became himself again.

ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT GRANTED A WEEK'S TIME

Courtesy Manton when told by the attorney he would be granted a reasonable time in which to make any motions he deemed advisable, asked for one week, and received it. "Charles Becker, you are remanded to the Tombs Prison until May 23," the court announced. The whole proceeding from the time Becker was pronounced guilty until a recess was declared occupied scarcely four minutes.

BECKER'S GUILTY IN FIRST DEGREE

Jury Finds for Second Time He Is Archconspirator Responsible for Rosenthal Murder.

FIVE BALLOTS TO DECIDE

Tears in Eyes of Jurymen as Verdict Is Announced—Appeal to Be Taken.

New York, May 22.—Twelve men to-day decided for the second time that Charles Becker was the archconspirator responsible for the Rosenthal murder, which nearly two years ago swung New York to a realization of corruption in the police department and opened a new era of police reform.

AS VERDICT IS RENDERED

Tears streamed down the foreman's face as he announced the decision, and tears too in the eyes of several other jurymen. They had agreed that the corroboration which the district attorney failed to present at the first trial, the stories of Rose, Vallon and Vebber, the three accomplices of turned informers, had been furnished by new witnesses at the second.

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