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DALLES MAN IS INDICTED BY THE JURY

Former Congressman Moody Will Have to Answer a Serious Charge in the United States Court.

Accused of Having Opened a Letter Addressed to Mrs. Margaret L. Conroy.

SAYS CHARGE IS TRUMPED UP

Avers That It Is Brought for Political Purposes—Oregon Senators Consult Hitchcock.

Portland, Oct. 28.—The federal grand jury today returned an indictment against ex-Congressman Malcolm A. Moody, charging him with withholding a letter from the person to whom it was addressed. Mr. Moody appeared in court this morning and his counsel waived arraignment and entered a plea of not guilty. He asked to have the hearing set for the first day of the trial term. The court released Moody on his own recognizance, without bail, to appear for hearing.

Mr. Moody asserts that the charges are trumped up for political purposes. The letter in question was addressed to Mrs. Margaret L. Conroy by the controller of the currency and contained a receipt for her signature for a claim against The Dalles National bank, of which Moody was cashier.

SENATORS SEE HITCHCOCK

Say They Will Help Him to Discover Frauds.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock today stated that he did not accuse any United States senator of being concerned in the land frauds in the Pacific coast states.

Senators Mitchell and Fulton, of Oregon, had a conference with the secretary today relative to the land frauds and assured him of their hearty cooperation in all efforts toward the discovery and punishment of persons involved in irregularities. They said they had united in recommending Receiver Thomson, of the LaGrande office, who has been indicted for bribery and had done so because of their confidence in him, the man being a farmer and a former member of the legislature. They said that, while they would suspend judgment pending trial, they would do nothing to shield him.

The secretary talked with the senators as to the advisability of amending the timber and stone act and home-stead laws to prevent frauds such as those which are being perpetrated, and they assured him of their willingness to do all possible to that end. The senators agreed with the secretary that there had been some fraudulent practices in the administration of the land laws, but contended that there were no more frauds in Oregon than in other states. They referred to the entry of land in lieu of patented lands within forest reserves and said that, while there had undoubtedly been some sharp practices in that connection, the fault was largely due to the law. Senator Mitchell pointed out that a stricter inspection of the area to be enclosed in intended forest reservations would do much to prevent the frauds complained of.

IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

New York, Oct. 28.—Justice Holt, of the United States district court for the Southern New York district, has handed down a decision in the suit of the New York and Cuban Mail Steamship Company, brought as a test case under the clause of the war revenue act of 1898, imposing a stamp tax on manifests for the clearance of cargoes for a foreign port, in which he holds the tax in question to be unconstitutional, as being in effect a tax on exports. Should the government not appeal from this decision, or in event of the decision being sustained by the supreme court of the United States, the amount paid as such tax by the various steamship companies will be refunded by the government.

This case is the outcome of a decision by the United States supreme court that the tax on export bills of lading was contrary to the provisions of article one, section nine of the Constitution of the United States, that no tax or duty shall be laid on articles exported from any state.

It was urged by the government that the tax on export bills of lading was a tax on the document or paper, but the court held that it was in reality a tax on the goods represented in the bill of lading.

1902, has hunted the south seas and the waters along the coast of Japan and came here from the Okotak sea. Her luck was fair. She reports that in company with the whalers California and Alice Knowles she passed through the hurricane which in January last swept the Faamotu islands with such tragic results, when all the vessels suffered more or less danger. A Portuguese sailor died on the voyage. The rest of the whaling fleet is expected here within the next few days.

WENT BADLY WRONG.

Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 28.—Alexander Casey, a wealthy mine owner of Turquoise, Ariz., walked into the Willard hotel at Tucson, of which he is owner, and began to shoot in every direction. The guests escaped for the most part through windows. The shooting attracted five officers who attempted to arrest him. Casey opened fire and seriously wounded Constable Pacheco. The other officers then began to shoot and Casey was seriously and probably fatally wounded. Casey had been drinking heavily.

MRS. BOOTH-TUCKER REPORTED KILLED

Kansas City, Oct. 28.—A Santa Fe passenger train has been wrecked at Dean Lake, Mo. Seven were injured, some fatally. It is reported that Mrs. Booth-Tucker of the Salvation Army died of injuries received.

AGED MINISTER DYING.

Teloa, Wn., Oct. 28.—Rev. J. S. Nesley, believed to be the oldest Methodist minister in the west, was stricken with paralysis tonight and is dying. He is 80 years of age and has been in the pulpit 60 years.

Contestants to Have Conference

Heinze, Scallon and Others Will Meet the Mediation Committee Immediately.

Butte, Oct. 28.—United States Senator Clark has received a message from Senator Paris Green stating that he, in company with J. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern, would reach Butte tomorrow. Governor Toole will also be in the city, and it is expected the members of the mediation committee will meet and formulate plans in the effort to settle the struggle between Heinze and the Amalgamated Copper Company.

President Scallon of the Anaconda Copper Company and leading Amalgamated officials in Montana and Mr. Heinze have all signified a willingness to meet the mediation committee.

ASK EXTRA SESSION.

Felena, Oct. 28.—A joint committee representing the Butte Miners' Union and the Mill and Smelter Men's Union of Great Falls this afternoon presented to Governor Toole resolutions asking him to call an extra session of the legislature to relieve the situation at Butte. The governor stated that he would give the resolutions careful consideration. The governor declined to discuss the merits of the case, but said he had the best interests of the state at heart and would take such action as his conscience dictated.

TWO NEW RECORDS ARE MADE

Memphis Meeting Closes With Exciting Sport.

Memphis, Oct. 28.—The eight days' meeting of the Memphis Trotting Association was brought to a close this afternoon with the breaking of two additional world's trotting records. Lou Dillon, Mr. Billings' champion trotter, driven by her owner, went the mile to a wagon in 2 minutes flat, cutting a second and three-quarters from the previous record made by herself. The Monk and Equity, driven by Mr. Billings, the owner, lowered the world's trotting record, 2:09 1-4, for a mile to the pole to 2:08.

EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEES MIX.

New York, Oct. 28.—In a statement issued to the public by the firm of William Bradley & Co., contracting stone cutters in Brooklyn, it is alleged that the employees, about 100 in number have been organizing a strike at the instigation of an association employing stone cutters which has formed an alliance with labor unions connected with the trade in Greater New York. The firm charges that members of the association regularly add 10 per cent to all bids for stone work and after averaging bids, the association's officers appointing the contracts; that this added 10 per cent amounts annually to \$600,000 which is divided with the unions, the latter receiving about \$60,000, the balance going to the association.

The president of the corporation, E. F. Giberson, threatens an appeal to the courts if his men do not return to work. It is said that some of the employers admit having agreed to add 10 per cent on all contracts in New York having made an arrangement for dividing with the unions.

BASEBALL SCORES.

At Seattle—Seattle 12; San Francisco 7.
At San Francisco—Sacramento; Oak land 9.

PAYMENTS WITHHELD FOR TIME

St. Louis Trust Companies Compel Observance of Sixty-Day Rule by the Depositors.

Officials Have No Fear That the Present Scare Will Precipitate Crisis.

DEPOSITORS STILL ANXIOUS

Long Lines of People Go to the Banks at Early Hour, but No Money Is Paid Out to Them.

St. Louis, Oct. 28.—Long before the hour of opening, lines of depositors stretched away from the closed doors of the Mississippi Valley Trust Company, the Lincoln Trust Company, the Mercantile Trust Company and the Missouri Trust Company. Small crowds assembled before the doors of other savings institutions near by. Most of those in line were working people, many of them women, whose savings were not heavy.

Owing to the action taken by the officials of eight trust companies doing business in St. Louis, requiring 30 and 60 days' notice of intention to draw funds, depositors were not able to get any money. All they could do was to declare their intention of withdrawing their deposits at the end of the time taken advantage of by the companies under their rules. The trust companies also decided not to pay certificates of deposit before maturity.

At the various institutions named the officials stated to the Associated Press that current accounts are being received and paid out as usual. The early crowds which thronged the doors of the banks gradually thinned out, many of the savings depositors taking home their blank notices of withdrawal. The officers of the trust companies state that voluntary offers of help had been received from outside financial institutions, but were declined for the reason that they had sufficient cash to handle their business.

ENORMOUS TRANSFERS.

New York, Oct. 28.—The total transfers to St. Louis at the sub-treasury today were \$2,100,000, making a grand total to St. Louis, Chicago and New Orleans of \$2,950,000. This breaks all previous records of a single day's transfer from this city.

TRYING TO PATCH UP.

New York, Oct. 28.—President Bu-

chann, of the International Association of Bridge & Structural Iron Workers, who has been here several days endeavoring to patch up the existing difficulties between the Iron League and the Housemiths' Union, has received a letter from the secretary of the league refusing to meet the executive committee of the International association. The strike committee of the Iron League says there is nothing to settle. It is through with all negotiations with the Housemiths' Union and the members of the League are only employing members of the union formed by the Employers' Association. Until the union expresses its willingness to sign the plan of arbitration the iron league will have nothing to do with it.

As the union is on record as opposed to the signing of the plan it is expected a strike will be ordered now on all the contracts held by members of the iron league out of town in retaliation. Men, it is expected, will be called out in Boston, Baltimore Philadelphia, New Orleans and Newark. The order would affect 500 iron workers and probably 5000 men in the building trades of these cities who are dependent upon the work of the iron workers will be forced into idleness.

GEN. MILES IN SEATTLE.

Seattle, Oct. 28.—General Nelson A. Miles came to Seattle last night from California where he has been looking after property interests. He will leave today for his home in Washington, D. C. General Miles denied recent stories that he had made heavy investments in oil fields and intended to make that state his home. He declared he had no interests in Texas.

Dynamite Found In Seattle Depot

Twelve Sticks of Explosive Discovered in the Toilet of Interurban Station.

Seattle, Oct. 28.—Twelve sticks of dynamite in two packages, with split fuses attached ready to light, were found concealed in the toilet of the interurban depot this afternoon. There was enough of the explosive to have blown up all the buildings within a radius of two blocks and damage property a distance of several blocks from the depot.

One package containing six sticks had been placed behind a washstand bowl. The second package, containing the same amount, was secreted behind the toilet bowl.

The discovery was made by a laborer named Wilson. His eye fell on the package beside the washstand and the fact that it was concealed struck him as peculiar. He pulled it out and discovered it was dynamite.

Detectives are searching for the dynamiters, but with slight hopes of apprehending the criminals. Several arrests have been made during the last few weeks, but the suspects usually told a plausible tale and were released.

DETECTIVE TOOK AWAY HER PISTOL

Second Mrs. McBride Again Attempts to Take the Life of Portland's Juvenile Bigamist.

Tries to Shoot Him in Chief Hunt's Office, But is Disarmed by Weiner.

SAYS SHE TRIED IT BEFORE

She Explains to the Police How McBride's Throat Came to Be Slashed Last Sunday.

Portland, Oct. 28.—The woman known as Mrs. McBride No. 2 attempted to shoot Frank McBride in the office of Chief of Police Hunt this afternoon, but the prompt action of Detective Weiner in disarming her prevented a tragedy. The couple left the station later apparently reconciled, but the police fear a tragedy may yet occur.

The second Mrs. McBride states that her mother is related to Mrs. McKinley, wife of the late president, but offers no proof to support her claim. She confessed to the police that she attempted to kill McBride Sunday night, when the man's throat was slashed.

McBride returned to the apartments of the woman known as wife No. 1 tonight. He would vouchsafe no information regarding the alleged reconciliation effected with wife No. 2 at the office of the chief of police this afternoon. District Attorney Manning expressed the hope that the marital difficulties of the trio may be patched up in some manner without the necessity of invoking the law.

SCHOONER GOES ON ROCKS

Wempe Brothers Totally Wrecked on Vancouver Island.

Seattle, Oct. 28.—The schooner Wempe Brothers, of San Francisco, went on the rocks off Bonilla Point, Vancouver Island, in a dense fog this morning and is reported to be a complete loss.

The schooner was bound, in ballast, for Ballard. The crew was picked up by the tug Wanderer, and taken to Neah Bay. The Wempe Brothers was about four years old and owned by William Olson, of San Francisco. The craft was worth about \$50,000.

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