

JURY FINDS ESTELLE CORWELL NOT GUILTY OF MURDER

STRONG NAVY IS ADVOCATED BY PERKINS

SENATOR FROM CALIFORNIA DEFENDS WAR POLICY

POWERFUL FORCE TO BE MOBILIZED ON PACIFIC

Speaker Shows That Wages in Iron and Steel Will More Than Pay Cost of All Late Vessels

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Senator Perkins of California today spoke in the senate in justification of expenditures for the rebuilding of the American navy and of the policy of sending the fleet into the Pacific ocean. He reviewed the achievements of the navy and declared that it was the most popular branch of the government service. "When the fleet now on its way to San Francisco is joined by the other effective vessels on the Pacific," he said, "we shall have a fleet of eighteen battleships, eight armored cruisers, thirteen protected cruisers, thirteen destroyers, five torpedo boats and two submarines. The battleships and cruisers alone aggregate 432,172 tons, while the other naval power on the Pacific—Japan—has only 374,701 tons in all classes of vessels. The Pacific fleet will be amply able to protect our interests in that ocean."

Attention was called to the unbroken record of bravery which the navy presents from its earliest beginning and on the Pacific those who man the vessels will have the example of Commodore Sloat, Admiral Kimberley and Admiral Dewey for inspiration.

Sketches Growth of Navy The senator sketched the growth of the new navy from 1833 to the present day, when the United States has become the second sea power in the world, surpassing France by a small margin in the strength of our fighting force and far outstripping Germany, Russia and Japan. And this lead, he said, the United States is easily able to maintain. By authorizing only two more battleships of the big gun type this nation would still lead France by 40,000 tons in sea fighting force.

Reference was made to the change in the character of battleships which resulted from the lessons of the naval engagements during the Russo-Japanese war, which taught the independence of the big ships carrying big guns so that a greater weight of metal can be brought within a shorter battle line. Hence all the naval powers are building ships carrying only 12-inch rifles for offensive purposes and a comparatively few small rapid-fire guns for defense against torpedo attacks.

"The cost of the ships for the new navy built, building or authorized is \$309,358,190, while the total expenditures on account of naval estimates since 1883 is \$1,244,551,029," said Mr. Perkins. "But this vast expenditure is not, as it might be claimed by some, unproductive. The construction of the ships of our navy gave stimulus to the iron trade that more mills were established, better materials produced, wages were lowered and iron and steel came into general use in all kinds of construction, so that now we are the greatest iron and steel manufacturers in the world. In 1880 there were only 140,000 wage earners in the iron and steel industry of the country, earning \$55,000,000 and turning out products worth \$296,000,000.

In 1905 there were 557,000 wage earners earning \$582,000,000 and turning out products worth \$2,176,000,000. The average wage increased from \$400 to \$500.

Wages Will Pay Cost "The average wages of workmen in the iron and steel industries will today be more than pay the cost of all the vessels of our new navy built, building or authorized, and one-half the value of the iron and steel product for a single year will pay the entire cost of the naval estimates since 1883.

"That the encouragement given this industry by the construction of ships of war had a very potent effect in bringing about this result cannot be doubted; and there is hardly an industry in the land that has not benefited in a similar way, though not perhaps in so marked a degree. The money expended on the ships of war was not, therefore, an economic loss judged by a single trade alone."

The senate adopted the Tillman resolution authorizing the attorney general to prosecute the transportation companies of Oregon that have received public lands and have violated the terms of the grant.

SENATOR FLINT SEEKS TO DELAY LIABILITY BILL By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Senators Brandegee and Flint today sought to have the senate committee on education and labor report back to the senate the La Follette employers' liability bill, with a request that it be sent to the judiciary committee, which has jurisdiction of the Knox bill on the same subject.

CAR ROBBERS CAPTURED AFTER FIERCE BATTLE

Detectives Lie in Wait and Arrest Suspects, Who Are Overpowered in Hand-to-Hand Conflict

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—After holding up a brakeman who had surprised them in the act of robbing a freight car in the New York Central railroad yards at Eighty-fifth street early today and making him a prisoner at the point of a revolver, three men were overpowered by detectives after a desperate fight. In the arrest of the men the police believe they have a gang which has stolen many thousands of dollars' worth of goods from freight cars during the past few months.

The men were at work on a car door when a brakeman on a train which had just been drawn in from Albany saw them and called out to them to get away from the cars. Their reply, which was enforced by three leveled revolvers, was that if the brakeman attempted to come down from the car upon which he was standing he would be shot "as full of holes as a screen door."

Then, while one of their number remained guard over the brakeman, the others returned to their work. After they had removed a quantity of valuable goods from the car the thieves carefully sealed the door with a counterfeited seal. It was then that the detectives came upon the trio.

They had been waiting all night in the yards in the hope of catching the men who had been using false seals for some time and had witnessed the encounter between the brakeman and the robbers. When the door had been sealed four detectives sprang down from the car tops where they had been hiding and in a desperate hand to hand fight the detectives were finally victorious and the three men were locked up. The men gave their names as John T. Hughes, Alfred Rogers and Peter Brandy.

Ficat Down the Colorado

By Associated Press. YUMA, Ariz., Feb. 21.—George Wharton James, an author, and Charles K. Hughes, a marine artist, left today for the Yuma basin, having floated from Needles to Yuma in a skiff. They are compiling data for James' new book on the Colorado river south of the Grand canyon.

Despondent, Kills Himself

By Associated Press. ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 21.—After struggling with his wife for possession of the weapon and seriously wounding her, J. R. Campbell shot and killed himself at his home early today. Ill health is thought to have deranged his mind.

Emigration Nearly Ceased

By Associated Press. ANTWERP, Feb. 21.—Emigration from this port to the United States has practically ceased because of the belief that it is now very difficult to get employment there.

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

FORECAST For Los Angeles and vicinity: Cloudy Saturday; light north wind, changing to west. Maximum temperature yesterday, 61 degrees; minimum, 45 degrees.

LOCAL Estelle Corwell freed by jury's verdict. Leaves court in company with friends. Anton Besoid granted new trial by court of appeals. Prominent admits collusion in petition to have divorce set aside. Machinist killed when body becomes caught in belt at iron works. Women arrested by police and are charged with being shoplifters. Wife of famous explorer writes to Judge Wilbur, thanking him for honor shown her. Snake drops from faucet into basin while woman is drawing water. City attorney has several plans for widening streets. Prizes awarded winners at dog show. Exhibition ends today.

KANSAS AND OKLAHOMA FOR BRYAN

JAYHAWKERS ENTHUSIASTIC FOR NEBRASKAN

NAME OF LEADER CHEERED IN CONVENTION

Delegates to Denver Are Instructed to Vote for Former Candidate as Presidential Nominee of Democrats

By Associated Press. HUTCHINSON, Kan., Feb. 21.—Kansas Democrats in state convention here unanimously adopted a resolution instructing all delegates to the Denver convention, both state and congressional, "to cast a solid vote for the nomination of William Jennings Bryan for president of the United States."

A great demonstration lasting several minutes attended the adoption of the resolution. The state convention will select its delegates-at-large at the afternoon session, when a platform will also be adopted. "This is the most largely attended convention in Kansas in years. W. H. Ryan, chairman of the state committee, in calling the convention to order, declared that Kansas has a united Democracy that had cast 150,000 votes at the last election, and said that if the election were held now there would be 50,000 votes added to this. He referred to what he termed the "robber tariff," and this remark elicited much applause.

Mr. Ryan introduced Grant Harrington as temporary chairman. At mention of the name of former Senator William A. Harris, whose friends are booming him for re-election to the senate, there was much applause.

Cheers for Bryan But the greatest demonstration came when Harrington mentioned the name of William J. Bryan. "We want to broaden out," he said. "If a man comes up to vote, if he is for Bryan, it makes no difference what his grandfather was or what his former political affiliations have been. Let's welcome him."

The name of the Nebraskan was cheered for several minutes. This demonstration was renewed a few minutes later when resolutions binding the delegates to Denver to vote for the nomination of Bryan for president were read and adopted unanimously with a whoop. The delegates were "directed and instructed to cast the solid vote of the state of Kansas for the nomination of William Jennings Bryan for president of the United States."

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Feb. 21.—William J. Bryan was unanimously endorsed at the Oklahoma Democratic state convention which will meet here tomorrow, and a solid delegation will be sent to the Denver convention instructed to vote for him as a unit on a platform that he may favor. This was conceded here today. Many delegates are already here. Governor Haskell, who will dominate the convention, arrived today and was accorded a big demonstration.

Beckham Loses Vote

By Associated Press. FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 21.—Representative Arnett left Beckham today and voted for Congressman Ollie James for United States senator. The result of the ballot follows: Beckham, 57; Bradley, 7; James, 2; Campbell, 2; Allen, 1; Febr, 1; Blackburn, 1. Necessary to a choice, 61.

GREAT TUNNELS UNDER NEW YORK COMPLETED

Measurements of Engineers Are So Accurate That Variation at Ends Is Only Three-Eighths of an Inch

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The first of the great systems of tunnels and subways by which the Pennsylvania railroad will be enabled to run a train from Philadelphia under the Hudson river across Manhattan island and under the East river to Long Island City was completed today. The two ends of one of the four tubes connecting Manhattan island with Long Island City were brought together under the bed of the middle of the East river off Thirty-fourth street before noon today and the steel rings composing the shell of the tube were for the first time bolted in one continuous string from shore to shore. This tube was begun in August, 1905, and is 4,000 feet in length. Two other tubes will be completed within a few days and the fourth will be finished within three months, according to an announcement made by the company. The completion of the first tunnel was celebrated in Long Island City by a display of flags about the works of the company. Workmen who were digging the tunnel from the Long Island City side broke through into the end of the tunnel extending from the New York side last night, but the two ends were not connected until today. So accurate were the measurements of the engineers that the ends came together with a variation of only three-eighths of an inch. This system of tunnels under the East river will connect the Long Island railway with the Pennsylvania Railroad terminal now being constructed at Thirty-third street, New York. A connecting railroad is to be constructed in Long Island City and Brooklyn to connect with various stations of the Long Island railroad.

Woman Faints When Verdict Is Read



ESTELLE CORWELL AND MOTHER

STRIKE TIES UP SHIPPING ON COAST

LONGSHOREMEN QUIT WORK IN SAN FRANCISCO

Sixty Out of 101 Steam Schooners Are Out of Commission as Result of Trouble with Engineers

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—Fifty longshoremen employed by the Pacific Lumber company in unloading its vessel, the Temple E. Dore, struck today upon being notified that their wages were to be cut from \$4 to \$3.50 a day. It is anticipated that other firms will follow the lead of the Pacific Lumber company in making a reduction in the wages of the longshoremen, and last night the longshoremen's union passed a resolution to the effect that the members will strike as fast as the reductions are announced.

Ten additional steam schooners owned by members of the Steam Schooners' association were laid up at Sausalito and Oakland today and their crews discharged. In all there are now sixty steam schooners tied up out of a total of 101 vessels. Seven of this number are owned by companies not members of the association. Three of the seven sailed from this port today, the Samoa for Eureka, the Bandon for Portland and the Johann Poulson for Portland. Indications are that the lockout of the marine engineers will result in an almost complete tieup of the coast shipping for a time, as it is understood the seamen's union stands behind the engineers and longshoremen, and the owners seem determined to make a big fight for reduction in wages and in men employed.

ROCK ISLAND AND SANTA FE TO HIRE MORE TELEGRAPHERS

By Associated Press. TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 21.—It was learned today that both the Rock Island and the Santa Fe railroads will increase their forces of telegraphers to comply with the new federal nine-hour law. At a meeting of Rock Island superintendents here it was decided to increase the force in this and the southwestern districts by fifty-six. Approval of this action was received from Chicago. The superintendents of the eastern grand division of the Santa Fe met last week and decided on an increase and are now waiting to learn the number of new men allowed by the officials in Chicago. Officials here declare that none of the smaller stations will be closed.

CORPORATIONS WILL COMBINE TO MAINTAIN HIGH PRICE OF COAL

Prominent Railroad Officials Said to Be in Scheme to Regulate Output and Fix Cost to the Consumer

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Consolidation of the large coal mining interests of Illinois and Indiana for the purpose of regulating the output and upholding prices now is under way. Two Chicago corporations—the Deering Coal company in which Rock Island and Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad officials are said to be the principal stockholders, and the O'Gara Coal company, controlled by Chicago politicians and New York Central officials, are leaders in the enterprise. The policy of owning the various companies, while operating them under their present corporate names, is to be adopted.

SCHMITZ' LAWYERS ATTACK APPEAL

Attorneys for Former Mayor of San Francisco File Brief Supporting Action of Appellate Court

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—The brief of Eugene Schmitz in reply to the appeal of the prosecution to the supreme court for a review of the decision of the court of appeals in the extortion cases, when it was decided by the latter court that the indictment of Schmitz was faulty, was filed by the attorneys for Schmitz with the clerk of the supreme court this afternoon. The main point advanced by Schmitz' attorneys is that the indictments charging Schmitz with extortion do not constitute a public offense, that the threats which caused the French restaurant keepers to pay tribute were not unlawful. The attacks made in the prosecution's petition against the court of appeals and commented on in Schmitz' brief, but no attempt is made to answer the outside attacks on the decision. The supreme court has until March 8 to grant or deny the prosecution's plea for a rehearing. If the plea is denied the remittitur of the court of appeals goes down, and Schmitz will be admitted to bail and the five indictments against him, as well as those of a similar character against Abraham Ruef, are invalid. Calls for Bank Statements By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the statement of the condition of all national banks at the close of business on February 14 last.

U. S. SAILORS MAKE MERRY AT CALLAO

AMERICAN JACKIES ARE GIVEN SHORE LEAVE

By Associated Press. LIMA, Peru, Feb. 21.—Everywhere in Lima tonight may be seen the jolly jackies of the American fleet, fraternizing with the Peruvian men-of-war-men, parading in the Plaza de Armas or on sightseeing tours in the various interesting quarters of the city. Hundreds of the men were given shore leave today, and they availed themselves of the opportunity offered by immediately coming up to the capital from Callao. The railroad did an immense business throughout the day carrying passengers down to Callao to see the battleships and bringing them back to Lima again. In view of the fact that so many of the sailors were given shore leave, Admiral Evans also sent a number of marines to Lima to see that order was preserved by the men.

VICTIMS OF POWDER EXPLOSION NUMBER 30

All but One of Those Who Lost Lives in Pinole Are Blown to Atoms by the Terrific Shock

By Associated Press. BERKELEY, Feb. 21.—The latest reports from the scene of the dynamite explosion at the Hercules powder plant in Pinole yesterday place the number of dead at thirty. Four of these were white men, the others being Chinese. The body of Foreman W. W. Stillwell is the only one recovered. He evidently had a premonition of the explosion and got out of the building. The other twenty-nine men were blown to atoms. Not a man at work in the packing house and on the train used for hauling the dynamite to the depot escaped. Superintendent Birmingham says the company will rebuild at once.

WOMAN IS GIVEN HER FREEDOM

CROWD ANXIOUSLY WAITS FOR VERDICT

DEFENDANT COLLAPSES IN HER MOTHER'S ARMS

Jury Deliberates Two Hours Before Reaching Final Decision—Friends Congratulate Castilian on Gaining Liberty

After two hours' deliberation, during which time a large number of ballots was taken, the jury in the case of Mrs. Estelle Corwell at 9:10 o'clock last night returned a verdict of not guilty. A half hour later Mrs. Corwell left the court room with friends and relatives for the home of Miss Emma Quinones. The court room was crowded at the time, but owing to the admonitions of Judge Wilbur no demonstration took place until an adjournment was taken.

Amid a scene the most impressive that has ever been witnessed in the superior court of Los Angeles county, a jury at 9:10 o'clock last night filed into the court room of Judge Curtis D. Wilbur and returned a verdict finding Mrs. Estelle Corwell not guilty of the murder of George T. Bennett on July 22 last.

The court room was crowded at the time, more than 250 persons occupying chairs or standing in the rear of the chamber, which during the past six weeks has been the theater of one of the greatest life dramas ever enacted in Los Angeles. In this gathering sat women and men with strained faces awaiting the decision of the twelve men who held the fate of the sorrowful half Spanish, half American woman in black in their hands.

Judge Wilbur received word at 9 o'clock that the jury had reached its decision. He immediately took his seat on the bench and told the gathering that any demonstration would be severely punished.

The door leading to the jury room was thrown open and as the twelve men filed in every eye was turned toward their faces in an effort to learn, if possible, what the answer was to be to the evidence as it had been presented to them, but the inscrutable countenances gave no response.

Hand Verdict to Clerk The written verdict was handed to Sam Kutz, clerk who in turn placed it on the desk before Judge Wilbur. Again the court warned those present that there must be no demonstration, no matter how spontaneous the response. Slowly opening the folded paper, the court announced that the verdict was for acquittal. A long drawn sigh escaped the lips of nearly every person present. Mrs. Corwell, who had been her mother, Mrs. C. C. Welch, and her cousin, Miss Emma Quinones, fell forward in a swoon. Attorney Appel, who has conducted the case for Mrs. Corwell, bowed his head upon the table before him and sobbed like a child.

As Judge Wilbur left the bench the spectators rose from their seats and grasped by congratulating friends. Even the hands of Frank Blair, who has conducted the trial on behalf of the prosecution, were seized and wrung with a fervor that told of the gladness in the hearts of many of the spectators, and some of the women climbed over the rail separating the main part of the court room from the raised enclosure in which sat the attorneys, jury and Mrs. Corwell and her friends. Sobs of relief could be heard in every part of the room, and women threw their arms about each other's necks and wept out their pent up emotions. Strong men, with tear-filled eyes, grasped the hands of the twelve men, while women in the excess of their feelings, embraced a number of the jurors.

Congratulate Attorney Attorney Appel staggered to his feet, and as he did so his hands were grasped by congratulating friends. Even the hands of Frank Blair, who has conducted the trial on behalf of the prosecution, were seized and wrung with a fervor that told of the gladness in the hearts of many of the spectators, carrying passengers down to Callao to see the battleships and bringing them back to Lima again. In view of the fact that so many of the sailors were given shore leave, Admiral Evans also sent a number of marines to Lima to see that order was preserved by the men.

This afternoon President Pardo received Admiral Thomas and a number of other American officers. They were accompanied by American Minister Leslie Coombs and Secretary of Legation Richard R. Nell. The president conversed with the American at length.

Deliberate Three Hours

The jury was given the case at 6:10 o'clock and immediately upon entering the jury room took its first ballot. Eleven men voted for acquittal, one standing out for conviction. Following this ballot the twelve men left the court house for dinner, returning an hour later. Elliot after ballot was taken, but it was not until 9 o'clock that the one man was won over. Bailiff Doyle immediately notified Judge Wilbur that a decision had been reached, and ten minutes after the last ballot was taken the jury filed into the court room. The jury was made up of the following: W. F. Bullis, F. H. Bullis, D. W. Cate, Nicholas Glass, Francis E. Johnson, John Martin, A. Mouchton, James E. Matthews, Charles G. Rogers, Louis Weisley, John Weber and Charles F. Young. As the jurors filed into their seats, Mrs. Corwell glanced anxiously into their faces. Her face was pale and (Continued on Page Two)