

PEOPLE PAY FOR COSTLY ROAD TO ELDREDGE'S LAND

Supervisor Revealed as Owner in Tract Most Benefited by 'Highway to Nowhere'

LIGHT ON \$30,000 MYSTERY

Records Show Superfluous Route for Public Travel Was Valuable to Official

The reason for the building of "the road to nowhere," which cost the taxpayers of Los Angeles county about \$30,000 and which was constructed by the board of supervisors through the efforts of "Tus" Eldridge of the notorious "sold three," leaked out yesterday when investigation disclosed the identity of the stockholders of the Bungalow Land Improvement company.

The records of the county clerk's office show that the directors of this company are S. T. (Tus) Eldridge, Charles S. Mann and Foster M. Price; that the capital stock of the company is \$15,000, of which \$7500 has been subscribed and is owned as follows: Eldridge, \$3749; Mann, \$3749; Price, \$3749. In other words, Price holds barely enough of the stock to permit him to serve as a member of the board of directors, and the Bungalow Land Improvement company may be said to be owned by Eldridge and Mann.

"The road to nowhere" is one of the superfluous adjuncts of the county. It was built apparently without regard to public travel and is of no use to anybody but the Bungalow Land company, which sells lots in the neighborhood of Laurel canyon, west of Hollywood, whether the road is built or not. The money of the taxpayers, through the crafty efforts of Supervisor "Tus" Eldridge, who, as head of the Bungalow Land company, has used this expensive piece of highway to take prospective purchasers to and from "bungalow land."

BENEFITS ELDREDGE'S LAND "Plainly speaking," said a member of the advisory committee of the Good Roads association, "the road to nowhere" as though Eldridge had built a road with public money to lead to his real estate tract in Laurel canyon. I understand this road cost the taxpayers about \$30,000 and is used only by Eldridge and the persons to whom he sells property in 'bungalow land.' Certainly no one else would ever think of using the road for it goes nowhere, and although frequently referred to as one of the finest pieces of highway constructed by the supervisors it is absolutely useless to everybody but Eldridge and the Bungalow Land company.

"The building of 'the road to nowhere,' as it has become commonly known, caused considerable trouble and gossip, but Eldridge defied his critics, and with his usual arbitrary demeanor ordered the highway built, and ignored the public. A good deal of mystery attached to the building of the road, as no one could understand it, and various conjectures were offered as to the object of the supervisors in expending so much money on an untraveled and unsought highway, when there are so many public roads in the county badly in need of repairs and improvements.

It has been regarded as one of the whims of 'the solid three,' however, and after the first agitation 'the road to nowhere' was dropped from the public mind. Mr. Eldridge went happily about his business, selling lots in 'bungalow land,' on the private highway built with public money. The news that Eldridge is half owner of the bungalow company will now solve the mystery.

Eldridge is a candidate for re-election to the board of supervisors, running on the machine ticket for the Republican nomination in the Third supervisorial district. His opponents are J. L. Mansfield on the Democratic ticket and Sidney Butler on the Lincoln-Roosevelt league Republican ticket.

GLAD TO SEE DICKINSON. WIRES EMPEROR TO TAFT Japanese Ruler Thanks President for Recent Courtesy

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Mutsuhito, emperor of Japan, has telegraphed to President Taft that it was a great pleasure to him to have had the opportunity of seeing Jacob M. Dickinson, the American secretary of war, on his recent visit to Tokio, when the secretary was shown every courtesy by the Japanese officials.

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FINDS WOMAN IS SUING WRONG MAN FOR DIVORCE Suit of Lillie S. Spalding Is Dismissed by the Court

SEATTLE, July 20.—The divorce suit of Lillie S. Spalding against W. S. Spalding was dismissed in the superior court today, the plaintiff's attorney stating that the wrong man had been sued. Mrs. Spalding was married to Kaufman county, Texas, in 1897 to W. S. Spalding, who deserted her in 1899. The erring husband was a painter with a sandy mustache. Mrs. Spalding, a few months ago learned of the presence in Seattle of a painter whose name and description were the same as that of her missing husband. Suit was brought against the Seattle Spalding, who easily proved his innocence. He came here from Helena, Mont., three years ago, and six months ago went to Los Angeles, where he is now living with his wife.

R. R. PRESIDENT ENDED OWN LIFE CLAIM THE POLICE

Family Avers Burglar Killed Ira G. Rawn, but Sleuths Have Other Version

INVOLVED IN GRAFT CASE

Monon Route's Head, Drawn Into I. C. Investigation, Dies Mysteriously

CHICAGO, July 20.—Ira G. Rawn, president of the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville (the Monon route), died of a bullet wound at his summer residence in Winnetka, fifteen miles north of Chicago, early today. Monon's Mr. Rawn's family say he was killed by a burglar. The police are working on a theory that Mr. Rawn killed himself. As a basis for their suicide theory the police point to the fact that Mr. Rawn was operating vice president of the Illinois Central at the time the fraudulent car repair contracts were put through and that recently he has been drawn into the Illinois Central graft investigation as a chief witness. They say the action of Mr. Rawn's relatives in refusing the aid of the Chicago detective department to search for the alleged murderer is suspicious. They declare there exists a lack of convincing evidence that an intruder had actually been discovered in the residence.

CLAIM TWO SHOTS FIRED Both Mrs. Rawn and Coburn say two shots were fired. A minute search of the front hall and adjoining rooms of the residence, however, show but one bullet, that fired from Mr. Rawn's revolver and which apparently had passed through the body of Mrs. Rawn. Mrs. Rawn's body just below the heart.

AVOID EXAMINATION On two successive days last week Mr. Rawn begged for and secured a postponement of his examination on a plea that his wife was ill. His examination was scheduled to be taken up again next Tuesday. Mr. Rawn left the Illinois Central railroad in November, 1909, and became president of the Monon. Early this spring the Illinois Central fraud came to light. At the first hearing before Master in Chancery Thomas Taylor, Jr., Mr. Rawn testified that car repair contracts all came under his supervision. (Continued on Page Two)

U. S. WILL ACT QUICKLY ON TREATMENT OF M'KAY

Developments in Tia Juana Controversy Expected Today. Governor Informed

SAN DIEGO, July 20.—Developments are expected tomorrow in the case of D. W. McKay, whose arrest at Tia Juana and ill treatment by Mexican officials have been brought to the attention of the state department at Washington. McKay is due to arrive at Ensenada in the morning, and it is expected that Governor Vega of Lower California will act promptly. He presumably has already the papers in the case prepared by McKay's lawyers in this city. Strangely enough, beyond the fact that McKay's arrest was the result of his cutting a hole in a wire fence, very little is known as to the reason why that action should have been treated as a crime. One report is that the fence was government property, but this is not credited. The commonly accepted version is that conflicting property interests are at the bottom of the trouble. It seems that the Arguello estate in which McKay bought an interest has never been finally settled up. McKay cut the fence for the purpose of putting in a sideroad. This appears to have been considered a trespass and the arrest followed. Why McKay's action should have brought such severe treatment upon him is not now explained except on the theory of spite.

BIG ROW THREATENED WASHINGTON, July 20.—A hole—and a little one at that—which was cut in a wire fence, threatens to become an international incident between the United States and Mexico. Protests have reached the state department from California against the arrest in Mexico of D. W. McKay on the charge of having cut the hole. It is alleged he placed a gate on a boundary fence near Tia Juana, a little town just across the international border in Mexico. The reports are that McKay not only was arrested, but had been refused bail pending his trial. The state department today cabled to the American embassy at Mexico City for a full investigation of the incident.

Slain Actress, Family Relatives, Doctor Crippen and Women Friends of Deceased



DR. H. H. CRIPPEN (C) MRS. H. H. CRIPPEN (C) MRS. MESSINGER (C) MRS. CRIPPEN'S MOTHER (C) F. MESSINGER (C) MRS. CRIPPEN'S STEP FATHER. DR. CRIPPEN'S SIGNATURE. MESSINGERS AND HIS FAMILY. MESSINGERS AND HIS FAMILY.

CRIPPEN'S ESCAPE TO SPAIN LIKELY

Scotland Yard Keeps Up Search but Does Not Scout the Flight Reports

LONDON, July 20.—Scotland Yard officials have no confirmation tonight of the story emanating from Vernet les Bains, France, that a man whom the French police suspected of being Dr. Hawley H. Crippen, the American, wanted in London in connection with the disappearance of his Spanish wife, Belle Elmore, registered at a hotel in the French town under the name of Tarbot, last Sunday, and who hastily fled in the direction of the Spanish frontier. Still, while the London police have been searching diligently for Crippen and his stenographer, Ethel Clara Leneve, since the two disappeared from their Crippen home at Hill-top, Northbone, on July 9, they are inclined to believe that the doctor escaped into Spain. This afternoon the Scotland Yard detectives are sending out thousands of descriptive pamphlets in English and French, offering a reward for the apprehension of Crippen. Working with detectives on the case are Mrs. Frederick Ginnett, a friend of the dead woman, whose inquiries led to the discovery of the murder, and Mrs. Louise Mills, Mrs. Crippen's step-sister.

DR. CRIPPEN REGISTERS IN HOTEL IN FRANCE

VERNET LES BAINS, France, July 20.—The man suspected of being Dr. Hawley H. Crippen, wanted in London in connection with the disappearance of his wife, Belle Elmore, registered at the hotel here as "Henri Tarbot, Rentier of Narbonne." Inquiry today developed that no one of the name of Tarbot is known at Vernet, a town in the department of Aude. Tarbot appeared to be greatly worried when he left the hotel at 10 o'clock Monday morning and drove in an omnibus to the Ville Franche railroad station. At the station he ordered something to eat, but on the appearance of a gendarme he hastily left his luncheon and boarded a train for Mont Louis, a small town at the foot of the Pyrenees, forty miles west of Perpignan. It was learned later that Tarbot had telegraphed ahead and engaged a private carriage to take him to Pulgarcia, Spain, ten miles from Mont Louis.

SUSPECT ARRIVAL ON LINER IS DOCTOR WANTED

NEW YORK, July 20.—The steamship Kroonland arrived in New York harbor early this morning and anchored off quarantine. From officers of the ship it was learned that the couple who embarked at Dover, were suspected of being Dr. Crippen and a companion, are a minister and his wife, residents of a small city in Delaware.

TO STIR MIDDLE WEST NEW YORK, July 20.—Mrs. Ethel Snowden, the well-known English suffragist, has come to stimulate the interest of the women of the middle west in the suffragist movement and will go west in a few days to talk on British politics and the right of women to vote. Mrs. Snowden's husband is a member of parliament.

MAKES THEFT CONFESSION AS JURY RETURNS WITH VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY

CHICAGO, July 20.—Benjamin Bianco watched the clock in Judge Barnes' court room for an hour and a half yesterday, imagining every minute that the jury was getting nearer and nearer a verdict in his trial on a charge of stealing \$1000 worth of clothing. And then, just as the first juror made his appearance in the doorway Bianco leaped to his feet and told the judge he was guilty. He was sentenced to five months in the reformatory.

LOSE LIVES IN OREGON BLAZE

ALBANY, Ore., July 20.—Three men were burned to death Tuesday night in a forest fire along the North Santiam river, opposite Hoover's saw mill four miles east of Detroit. The bodies were not recovered until today. The dead: Philip Richmond, of Salem, Ore.; Jay M. Brooks, of Crawfordville, Ore., and Frank McGrey of Clearfield, Pa. The fire destroyed the entire logging camp and then swept into the timber. It has covered more than two miles, burning eastward along the south bank of the North Santiam river. There is a great quantity of valuable timber in front of it. Many men are fighting the flames but the forest rangers in charge say there is no hope of stopping the fire until the wind changes or unless rain comes. Another big forest fire is burning in the Cascade mountains northwest of Mount Jefferson. No one has come out from that vicinity to give the exact location but judging from the smoke, the fire is a big one.

FOREST FIRES DESTROY LUMBER PLANT; LOSS BIG

WINNIPEG, Man., July 20.—Forest fires reached the Revelstoke Lumber company's big plant at Revelstoke this afternoon, destroying it with a loss of over \$100,000. The town of Three Forks has been wiped out and the towns of Jaffray and Baynes Lake are also reported to have been destroyed by forest fires. They are in the Sloan district. Candles in the same district, is said to be doomed. Fires are also raging over 250 square miles in the Kootenai district. At Kato the fire is traveling rapidly and back firing is being done. At Moyle the fire is still causing anxiety, but for the present the town is safe.

HEAT TWISTS RAILS

REVELSTOKE, B. C., July 20.—A fire which destroyed the big Eddy saw mill yesterday burned the ties of a large stretch of track on the Canadian Pacific west of here and traffic over the line was impeded for several hours. The heat was so intense that the rails were twisted. Several freight cars on a siding were burned.

DIES FOLLOWING CLOSE OF PRAYER

Aged Woman Quietly Passes Away After Uttering Fervent Petition

"Oh Lord, receive us unto Thyself, for Christ's sake." These words at the close of a fervent prayer were the last uttered by Mrs. Amelia Davis, a prominent member of the First Methodist church, at the prayer meeting service last night and as she came to the final "amen" her voice, which had become almost indistinct stopped forever. Quietly kneeling, as had been her custom at every prayer meeting service, Mrs. Davis who was 82 years old, did not rise when her prayer ended. Those nearby noticed that she had not arise and went to her, thinking that she had fainted. She was quickly removed to an adjoining room where she was attended by Dr. S. A. Seymour, a member of the congregation, but never regained consciousness and within a few minutes had passed away her last words having been her fervent prayer.

BODIES RECOVERED FROM FLAMES

Now Seething Through Rich Timber Lands

PITTSBURG, July 20.—Notice has been given to transportation companies by G. E. Totten, the government agent for the eastern section here, that they shall not ship out of the state meats from the thirteen branch establishments in this district of well known packing concern that the packers have been doing a "processing business," and not submitting their meats to proper federal inspection. The companies named as alleged offenders include Armour & Co., Cudahy Packing company, Nelson Morris & Co., and others. The companies claim that they have not been sending meat outside the state, and that within its borders inspection is not required by law.

PATTEN CLOSING OUT COTTON NEW YORK, July 20.—James A. Patten of Chicago arrived in New York to close out his remaining holdings in cotton. His holdings have been greatly reduced, and it is understood he intends to liquidate the rest of his spot cotton by the end of the month.

FEAR U. S. CONSUL IS ASSASSINATED BY NICARAGUANS

Cruiser Hurries to Cape Gracias to Investigate Reported Fate of Trimmer

MARINES MAY BE LANDED

Hatred Against Americans Boils Up Among the Followers of Madriz

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Fear exists that Edwin F. Trimmer, United States consul at Cape Gracias, Nicaragua, may be assaulted or possibly even assassinated, and it has been decided to send the cruiser Tacoma to that port to investigate. If conditions demand it, marines will be landed to protect American lives and property. This was the report made to the state department today by Thos. P. Moffatt, United States consul at Bluefields. Two officers and forty-five men were ordered to Cape Gracias on the Tacoma, he says, after a conference between himself and Commander Hines of the DuBuque. The Tacoma probably has reached the scene of trouble by this time. An article in La Nacion, an official Madriz organ, published at Managua, indicates the feeling in Nicaragua against Americans. In part it reads as follows: "We Nicaraguans have some limited means to which we may resort as a final recourse if it comes to the point that the Yankee forces refuse to execute his threat. Let us lay hands on all the North Americans residing in Nicaragua and let us say to Mr. Taft, for each shot you had against a head of my or your countryman shall roll on the ground. "Another of the means to which we may resort in revenge for so great an injury, and for this I do not believe we are less able than the Young Turks—let us organize in the form of a powerful coalition, to the end that in all the Latin American countries, no goods shall be purchased from the United States; making our people understand that this is the most efficacious method of combating the common enemy of our race, so proud on account of its power, so insolent on account of its pride, and so detestable on account of its insolence."

BLUEFIELDS RESIDENT PREDICTS EARLY PEACE

Business Man Says War in Nicaragua Soon Will End

F. G. Martin, a business man of Bluefields, who arrived in Los Angeles yesterday and registered at the King Edward hotel, said that peaceable conditions would exist in Nicaragua and that the opposing forces are engaging in little warfare. The arrival of a force of American marines and soldiers in Bluefields May 16 much modified the stormy conditions. Mr. Martin said that when he left Bluefields the only American vessel there was the United States steamer DuBuque, and that only occasionally the Estrada forces, which occupy a portion of the eastern country, including the outskirts of Bluefields, created any disturbances.

U. S. AGENT PUTS EMBARGO ON SHIPMENTS OF MEAT

Charges Big Packers with Evading Proper Inspection

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