

# NO EXPENSE WILL BE SPARED IN PROBING COTTON SCANDAL

President Roosevelt's inquiry into the cotton report "leak" in the Department of Agriculture will be sweeping and relentless. The entire secret service has been placed at the disposal of Assistant District Attorney Beach, who will conduct the investigation. Representatives of the cotton growers intimate that high officials will be implicated.

### President Is Determined to Punish the Guilty. Already Preparing to Prosecute Those Implicated.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The investigation that will be made by Assistant District Attorney Morgan H. Beach into the charges that there has been a leakage in the matter of preparing the Government cotton statistics will be far more exhaustive than that conducted by secret service operators at the request of Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture. Acting Attorney General Hoyt has completed the examination of the papers transmitted to him by Secretary Wilson, and believes there should be a further and detailed legal inquiry. With that end in view, he has committed the entire matter to Beach, who intends to complete his examination before he returns from the position of United States Attorney on August 21. He has taken up the subject as prosecuting attorney, and in all probability will assist the Government when the case is brought into the courts, an outcome of the investigation that is believed by the Department of Justice officials to be a certainty.

Expense will not be spared in gathering evidence of the methods alleged to have been employed by Edwin S. Holmes, the dismissed associate statistician of the Department of Agriculture, and in procuring any accomplices he may have had in his operations. Beach will have the benefit of the labor of secret service men who were employed by Secretary Wilson, and also of the best legal talent in his own office.

#### HUBBARD-WILSON FEUD.

A new and interesting phase of the cotton leak investigation was developed today through the publication of the letter of Walter C. Hobart, president of the New York Cotton Exchange, addressed to President Roosevelt, in which the writer declared the members of the exchange had been "greatly shocked" by the recent disclosures of venality in the Department of Agriculture, and requested a full investigation of the methods which led to the corruption from a view of preventing the possibility of its recurrence.

The letter is believed here to be the outcome of recent correspondence between Secretary Wilson and Hubbard, in which the latter called upon the Secretary to make him a public apology because he had some years ago called the Secretary's attention to alleged leaks and no notice had been given the suggestion. The Secretary's reply, in which he informed Hubbard that he owed no one an apology, in the light of having done his duty to the best of his ability, and that when he got anything that looked like facts he promptly sent it to the secret service officers to hunt down.

The case to which Hubbard referred in his recent letter to the Secretary occurred in 1903. On December 29 of that year Hubbard sent to the Secretary papers showing that a Mr. Sternberger wanted to sell information to a New York cotton brokerage firm, claiming that he could get it in advance from the department.

#### ONLY AN ATTEMPT TO BUNKO.

Secretary Wilson immediately turned the matter over to the secret service officers, but in about a week Chief Wilkie reported that "it looks like an attempt of Sternberger to bunko the New York firm." After waiting a month or so to elapse and not hearing further from the Secretary, on March 28, 1904, called upon the secret service for information as to whether it had made any discoveries.

On the following day Secretary of the Treasury Gage replied as follows: "The action of this man who wanted to sell information was done with the hope of being able to sell information, but as a matter of fact his efforts to obtain advance information failed, as he received no assistance from the person in Washington upon whom he depended for information."

This report of Gage was transmitted to Hubbard by Secretary Wilson the next day and the matter was allowed to drop. But in January, 1905, Hubbard complained of having been advised that Southern ginners were sending in the department returns of their ginning operations bearing the date of December 22 or 23, and, said Hubbard, "I am unable to understand why additional returns from ginners should be obtained, since the result is to be published."

It seems, however, that the Department of Agriculture had not called for any ginners' statistics at that time, but that the returns had been issued from the census bureau.

In the same month, Hubbard wrote the Department of Agriculture, asking for certain information on cotton; but the Secretary, in the course of a sharp letter denying the request, mentioned under date of January 11, 1905, said:

"We take the ground here that nothing goes out unless it goes to the whole people. We have no favorites."

Secretary Wilson to-day permitted the examination of the correspondence in order to show that, as far back as five years ago, he had taken prompt action to discover any leaks in his office.

#### ASK FOR A FULL INQUIRY.

Presidents of Cotton Exchanges Appeal to Mr. Roosevelt.

NEW YORK, July 12.—The New York Cotton Exchange to-day made public the following letter:

NEW YORK, July 12.—Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, President, Washington.—Dear Sir: On behalf of the Cotton Exchange I want to say that its members have been recently shocked by the disclosures in the Department of Agriculture, on whose report they depended for accurate information on the subject of their common business.

I beg to request that a full investigation be made of the methods which led to the corruption, with a view of preventing the possibility of recurrence and that the guilty ones be adequately punished.

Officials should be above suspicion of manipulation for their own or individual's benefit, and as president of this exchange I wish to put its members upon record as utterly opposed to such culpable proceedings.

On the line of common honesty, ask you for your most emphatic condemnation and action upon the practices which make legitimate business impossible and put the members of our body at the mercy of tricksters and knaves.

With great respect, I am, yours truly, WALTER C. HUBBARD, President, New York Cotton Exchange.

NEW ORLEANS, July 12.—President A. Britton of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange to-day addressed the following letter to President Roosevelt:

The recent exposure in the statistical bureau of cotton, agriculture Department, has developed a situation which in cotton trade circles for many months past has been so strongly suspected, from apparent disclosures as to amount to a positive conviction of wrongdoing. And now that the exposure has been



## LAWSON NOW READY TO SMASH SYSTEM.

### Five Thousand Insurance Policy Holders to Join in Suit.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

OMAHA, Neb., July 12.—Thomas W. Lawson announced to-day that in a short time now he would take the first step in the smashing of the "system."

"This will take the form," he said, "of an immense lawsuit, in which 5000 policy holders of the big insurance companies will be joined as plaintiffs, with more than 1000 officials and members of boards of directors as defendants."

"The action will be one in which the policy-holders, in behalf of themselves and others similarly situated, will ask for the restitution of millions of dollars taken from them by the defendants, in the form of illegal commissions and perquisites. These men have no right to this money. It belongs to the policy holders. They must give it back to them if the law will make them—and I am convinced it will. Before the case has gone far there will be perhaps 1000 lawyers engaged in it. It will be one of the greatest cases ever filed."

"Responses to my request for the names of policy holders in the companies and the character of their policies are coming in an astonishing way. In the first week there were more than 14,000 of them. They come from men varying in station from the laborer to the Governors of different States."

"Why join so many men as plaintiffs? Simply for this reason: Were there one or two or twelve the 'system' could, perhaps, influence them to drop the case. With 5000 this will be impossible."

publicly announced a feeling of intense indignation throughout the trade interested in fair dealing by reason of the department having been used by a clique of corrupt speculators to promote their individual and selfish ends. And we feel that it should be known who have been the beneficiaries, the corruptors and the corrupted as well.

With this end in view I am directed by the board of directors of this exchange to address you direct and invoke your good office in having a searching investigation carried on until the whole matter is probed to the core and the results given to the public. I beg to assure you our people here are already profoundly impressed and gratified by your continued disapproval and condemnation of our impure methods in Government affairs and your unflinching disposition to dismember the service unfaithful agents, and therefore to give good efforts in responding to this appeal.

ATLANTA, Ga., July 12.—President Harvey Johnson of the Southern Cotton Association, after hearing the report of Secretary Richard Cheatham with reference to the investigation of the bureau of statistics in Washington, to-day authorized the following statement for publication:

The charges preferred by the association have been fully substantiated and investigation of the bureau of statistics along other lines will be vigorously pressed by the association until the whole matter is probed to the matter drop where it is, as we are satisfied that others besides Holmes should be relieved further connection with the scandal.

President Roosevelt has already taken active steps in the matter and most important disclosures may be looked for in the near future.

Rainier Beer is called "unfair," yet we are very willing that you investigate carefully every point in question in connection with the present strike.

# BANKER JOES MAIL FRAUDS

### Takes Action to Set Aside Fraud Order Issued by the Postal Authorities WINS A LEGAL POINT

### Federal Judge Temporarily Restrains the Enforcement of Cortelyou's Instruction

ST. LOUIS, July 12.—A temporary restraining order was issued to-day by Judge Smith McPherson of Iowa, sitting in the United States District Court, against Postmaster Frank Wynn, requiring him to discontinue stamping the mail of the People's United States Bank and E. G. Lewis as fraudulent and returning it to the sender. In the meantime mail will not be delivered to the bank or to Lewis, but will be held at the St. Louis postoffice, pending final action.

The petition for the restraining order complained of the treatment accorded the bank and Lewis by the postal authorities in Washington, and asserted that the bank could produce abundant proof that it was sound and solvent. It was contended that the fraud order was issued without a hearing before the Attorney General in person.

It stated the belief that there was now more than \$5000 in the accumulated mails directed to the bank, which would not be delivered, and it was argued that the right to receive mail was a constitutional one; that the affiants had been deprived of this right without due process of law or trial by jury, and that the fraud order declared them guilty of a crime without any trial.

Receiver S. P. Spencer, for the bank, said to-day that he had little idea of the length of time the receivership would last, but thought it would be not more than fifty days. He said that, since June 2, following an examination of the bank's affairs by Secretary of State Swager, the total of subscriptions received amounted to \$35,000 and subscriptions were still coming in. Yesterday 450 were received by express and through other channels, while hundreds of letters are held at the postoffice.

### BANK'S PAPERS CONFISCATED.

#### Government Officials Raid a Fraudulent Chicago Concern.

CHICAGO, July 12.—United States Government officials have raided the Imperial Bank, one of the institutions conducted by Louis Gourdain and John E. Dalton, which is charged with operating a lottery. The search warrants were issued by Judge Bethes on the complaint of Inspector Ketchum of the Postoffice Department.

The Imperial Bank and States Deputy Marshal Inspector James E. Stuart entered the bank, armed with a warrant, and proceeded to confiscate everything in the shape of books, papers, literature, tickets and such other articles as they thought necessary to be used as evidence. A wagon backed up to the door and the "bank" was transferred to the postoffice storeroom.

The Federal seizure warrant was for all articles of literature, paper, tickets, books, etc., labeled or belonging to the Louisiana Banking Company, Louisiana State Loan and Trust Company, Victor C. Lopez & Co., W. J. Morgan & Co., Louis E. Dalton and the Manhattan Exchange Bank.

The trial of the "bank" officials will come up before the Federal court at the next session in September. The articles confiscated will be introduced as evidence.

### MISSOURI RAILROADS SECURE INJUNCTION

### State Temporarily Stopped From Enforcing New Maximum Freight Rate Law.

KANSAS CITY, July 12.—Judge John F. Phillips in the United States District Court here to-day granted the temporary injunction requested for by the Missouri railroads restraining the State Railway and Warehouse Commissioners of Missouri and the Attorney General of the State from enforcing the maximum freight rate law enacted by the last Legislature.

When the law went into effect June 16 eighteen railroads in this State petitioned Judge Phillips to restrain the State officials from enforcing the maximum freight rate law. The claim that the rates provided in the new law were prohibitive and would amount to the confiscation of their property. The Kansas City shippers, interested in cover-shippers as a class and to forestall any suits they might bring against the railroads. The court issued an order at that time preventing the enforcement of the law until the matter could be argued. This order, which was argued last week, was continued in force to-day by Judge Phillips, who, after delivering an oral opinion, grants the railroads' petition for a temporary injunction.

### ADMIRAL WHITING ONE OF THE DEFENDANTS

### Government Wants Part of Waikiki Beach, Owned by the Afongs.

HONOLULU, July 12.—A condemnation suit was brought in the Federal court to-day by United States Attorney Brooks to secure three and one-quarter acres of land on Waikiki Beach. The land is owned by Mrs. Afong, and it is wanted for forts and fortifications. It is valued at \$28,000. Attorney Brooks, in his complaint, sets forth that the rapid development of commerce in the Pacific Ocean and the need for the protection of commerce, as well as Honolulu, is the cause for the condemnation. There are forty-seven defendants to the suit, living in various parts of the world, among whom being Rear Admiral Whiting and his wife. The suit will not be contested, the price of the land having already been agreed upon. The legal action is for the purpose of clearing the title to the land.

#### Prefers Death to Facing Camera.

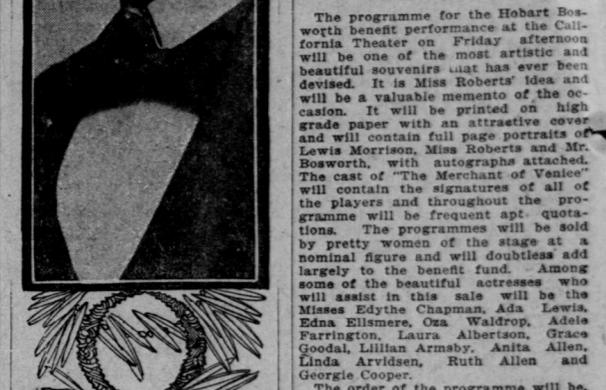
NEW YORK, July 12.—To escape the camera of the rogues' gallery photographer, Samuel Levine, accused of attempted arson, jumped from the sixth floor of police headquarters at Brooklyn to-day, sustaining probable fatal injuries.

NEW YORK, July 12.—Desperate because the treatment for which he came to this city had failed to help his rapidly falling eyesight, W. B. Howell, a well-to-do cotton planter of the Gulf, attempted suicide to-day in the Hotel Navarre here.

# TREAT BY ACTOR FROM ASSURED

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# OUTLAWS FIGHT TO THE DEATH

WINFIELD, Kan., July 12.—C. S. Calhoun of Kansas City, an Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway detective, was shot and instantly killed at Cedarvale to-day by two outlaws who were shot down later by a posse of citizens at Hewins, seven miles from Cedarvale, close to the Oklahoma State line. One of the outlaws, Edward Madigan of Ponca City, O. T., was instantly killed by the posse. The other, William Chadburn of this city, was fatally wounded.

The outlaws exchanged shots with the posse. During the firing J. M. Pope, a merchant, was shot through the foot and a woman named Malone was hit in the leg by a stray bullet.

The outlaws held up and robbed six traveling men at the Britton Hotel at Winfield on Sunday night last and escaped. A Cedarvale last night Detective Calhoun encountered both of the outlaws on the street. Not being positive of their identity, Calhoun secured the City Marshal and one of the robbed traveling men and all three started in a carriage in search of the two men. Early to-day they drove into a side street. The traveling man identified them and the trio in the carriage were just in the act of making a stand when either Madigan or Chadburn opened fire. Calhoun was shot through the heart and the outlaws made their escape temporarily. The town was aroused. The outlaws stole two horses and started for Hewins. While a posse was gathering at Cedarvale word was wired ahead to Hewins where the deputy sheriff quickly gathered a score of armed men about him. Within two hours the outlaws rode up to a hardware store at Hewins, secured a rifle and a revolver and started out of town on a gallop. Just as Madigan and Chadburn were leaving the main streets the posse opened fire from the protection of a store. The robbers returned the fire and a lively fusillade ensued. Finally Madigan here Friday as he, dying almost instantly. Another bullet brought Chadburn to the ground, shot through the bowels.

Madigan's body was taken to Cedarvale and Chadburn was placed in the hospital where it is said he cannot live. Madigan and Chadburn were each over 30 years of age. Chadburn had served time in the Kansas penitentiary for robbery. Nothing is known of Madigan. Calhoun was 40 years of age.

#### Identifies Murdered Man.

SALINA, Kan., July 12.—C. J. Halde, president of the Iron Molders' Union of St. Joseph, arrived here to-night and identified the body of the man murdered here Friday as that of N. Sexton of St. Joseph. It is thought by the officers here that Sexton was robbed and murdered by the same gang that held up six men at a Winfield hotel, two members of which fought the officers at Cedarvale this morning.

#### Help to Boycott American Goods.

HONOLULU, July 12.—Local Chinese are trying to raise a fund of \$50,000 to assist in the boycott of American goods in China. It is reported they have already raised \$30,000.

LA POINTE, Ind., July 12.—A man about 65 years of age, by the name of H. noble German family, has been killed on the tracks of the Grand Trunk Railroad near here. From papers on his person it is believed he was Joseph Wetzlack. A letter from a brother, sent from Bavaria, notified him to return home and claim an inheritance left by a sister.

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