

WILL PROSECUTE THE SUGAR FRAUDS

Attorney General Will Try to Recover Revenue Which Was Swindled From Government

Special Appropriation of \$50,000 Asked For to Carry On Inquiry Now Under Way

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—That the department of justice intends a vigorous prosecution in the efforts to recover all money due the government as a result of sugar frauds at New York and to punish all who may have participated in them is shown by the annual report of Attorney General Wickersham.

After briefly reciting the facts in the cases, which are of public knowledge, he says:

The evidence has disclosed a network of corruption, not confined to the American sugar refining company. Extending over a period of years, affecting both importers and officers of the government, it is as yet premature to state the precise extent of the conspiracy or the amount of the revenues of which the government has been defrauded.

While it is feared that the statute of limitations may have run in favor of many of the malefactors who are responsible for these frauds, yet no effort will be spared to ascertain the precise amount of which the government has been defrauded, to recover all moneys due and to punish all those who may be found to have participated in any respect in the frauds, whether as officers or agents of the importers, or as officials of the government. I earnestly request a special appropriation of \$50,000 to enable this work to be effectively prosecuted.

COMMODITIES CLAUSE CASES

Further litigation touching the "commodities clause cases," arising under the interstate commerce law, is promulgated by the attorney general. Discussing the decision of the supreme court in those cases Wickersham says:

It does not necessarily determine the application of the statute to cases where the commodities transported are owned by a corporation, all or substantially all of whose stock is owned by the carrier corporation at the time of transportation, and especially where the carrier shall have transferred all of its interest in such commodities to a corporation formed for the express purpose of evading the prohibition of the commodities clause, and all or substantially all of the stock in which is owned by the carrier.

SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE

Those questions will be presented for determination in the courts. If the prohibition of the statute can be successfully evaded by the simple device of transfer of ownership of the property to a corporation, all whose stock shall be owned or controlled by the carrier, congress should amend the statute so as to make it an effectual and not a merely illusory prohibition, or else repeal it.

In the matter of public land fraud prosecution, the attorney general makes clear his determination in no respect to abate the effort to undo, so far as may be, the frauds which have been for so long a time perpetrated in the procuring for private individuals of portions of the public domain, contrary to the conditions under which congress has authorized these lands to be patented.

GOVERNMENT SEEKS NEW POWER

Important recommendations contained in the report include those for a broadening of the right of appeal of the government in criminal cases; a repeal of section 869 of the Revised Statutes regarding evidence in criminal cases; the enactment of a general immunity statute to meet the conditions which arise in the endeavor to procure testimony for the government; favoring a national law providing for indeterminate sentences, and a modification of the statute fixing the punishment for embezzlement or misapplication of the funds of a national bank at imprisonment for five years.

The attorney general refers to the unsatisfactory sanitary condition at the district of Columbia jail, which, he says, is a reproach to the national government, and he earnestly recommends an appropriation adequate to make the necessary improvements.

SHOT BY HIGHWAYMAN—Philadelphia, Dec. 11.—Interference with a masked highwayman as he was about to hold up the crew of a trolley car early today under a railroad bridge in Germantown, resulted in the probable fatal shooting of John McGowan, one of four men that came upon the scene in an automobile.

CORPORATION CAN NOT SETTLE DEBTS

Creditors whose claims exceed \$240,000 filed a petition in the United States district court yesterday to adjudge bankrupt the Trinity bonanza king mining company of Trinity county. The action is taken with the consent of the company's directors, who in a letter to the creditors recently admitted inability to pay.

One of the creditors is the California safe deposit and trust company, represented by Receiver le Breton, which has a claim for \$9,448 with interest unpaid for the last two years.

The heaviest claimant is the Trinity County water and power company, holder of five promissory notes of \$50,000 each and two of \$25,000 each. On these notes there is a balance due of \$256,812.

The mining concern's affairs will be later made public in a statement of assets.

RETURN FROM HAWAII—Oakland, Dec. 11.—Country Clerk John P. Cook and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. J. Cal Ewing arrived last night in Oakland from a month's trip to Hawaii.

LAKE ERIE STORM COSTS MANY LIVES

CLEVELAND, Dec. 11.—The terrific storm which passed over Lake Erie Wednesday night and Thursday reaped a harvest of lives and laid waste more than \$1,000,000 worth of property.

Late reports show that 58 lives were lost; that 26 steamers had to be rescued; that four boats were destroyed and that one is aground, having sustained heavy damages.

The summary shows:
Steamer *Clarion*, burned; 15 lives lost, 6 saved.
Steamer *W. C. Richardson*, sunk; 5 drowned, 14 saved.
Car ferry *Marquette* and *Bessemer* No. 2, wrecked; 38 lives lost.

RESIDENCE OF LATE JAMES A. HERNE BURNS

SOUTHAMPTON, Long Island, N. Y., Dec. 11.—The home of the late James A. Herne, actor and playwright, was destroyed by fire early today. Mrs. Catherine C. Herne, the actor's widow, and her son, "Jack" Herne, with the servants, left hastily, saving few of their effects.

INSANE MAN LEAPS FROM CAR WINDOW

RENO, Dec. 11.—Julius Giletto, while riding as a passenger on Southern Pacific train No. 3, westbound, yesterday, became suddenly and violently insane and, without giving the slightest indication of his intention to any of his fellow passengers, made a headlong plunge through the glass of one of the windows while the train was running 40 miles an hour.

Giletto struck the ground by the side of the track, one of his legs extending across the rail. Instantly it was severed from the remainder of his body.

The accident occurred this side of Imlay and the injured man was conveyed to Winnemucca, where he now lies in the hospital. Giletto is about 40 years of age and the railroad ticket found in his pocket indicated he was on his way to Sparks.

DE LARA WILL LECTURE—L. Gutierrez de Lara will lecture on "Mexico's Barbarous Despotism" this evening at Equality hall, 139 Albion avenue. De Lara was only a few weeks ago released from the Los Angeles county jail, where he was held under charges of violation of the United States neutrality laws.

BREEDERS DECIDE TO START MAGAZINE

OMAHA, Dec. 11.—Willett M. Hays, assistant secretary of agriculture, with his associates, will start a magazine devoted to the scientific breeding of plants and animals. A new departure has been organized in the American breeders' association to study heredity in man, and David Starr Jordan will head the work and conduct this department in the magazine.

This was decided at the closing meeting of the association today, when 1,200 new members were secured and the organization voted to ask manufacturing, commercial and transportation interests desiring an increase in farm products to provide the association with sufficient funds to put the publication on a business basis at once.

Assistant Secretary Hays said: "We have at least induced the public to believe the statement that a billion dollars can be added to our plant and animal products by scientific breeding. Another billion can be added by bringing more acres under cultivation and adding fertilizers." "The scientific fact, however, is that

the billion added by breeding will be almost profit, while the increase from more and better farming will cost \$900,000,000."

A young Kansan writes to a side-talk editor to know upon which side of the girl the man should sit when "buggy riding."

ONE DOSE MAKES DYSPEPSIA, HEARTBURN OR GAS VANISH

Indigestion and all other Stomach distress goes after taking a little Diapepsin.

You can eat anything your stomach craves without fear of Indigestion or Dyspepsia, or that your food will ferment or sour on your stomach if you will take a little Diapepsin occasionally.

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Headaches from the stomach are absolutely unknown where this effective remedy is used. Diapepsin really does all the work of a healthy stomach. It digests your meals when your stomach can't. A single dose will digest all the food you eat and leave nothing to ferment or sour and upset the stomach. Get a large 50-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin from your druggist and start taking now, and in a little while you will actually brag about your healthy, strong Stomach, for you then can eat anything and everything you want without the slightest discomfort or misery, and every particle of impurity and Gas that is in your stomach and intestines is going to be carried away without the use of laxatives or any other assistance.

Should you at this moment be suffering from Indigestion or any stomach disorder, you can get relief within five minutes.



A January Sale Before Christmas

An unusual sale at an unusual time. Bargains and price reductions that are generally offered a month later. Seasonable apparel reduced for clearance presenting a most exceptional opportunity for timely savings. The sale starts tomorrow morning and the following items are a few of the many attractions you will find here:

TOYS FREE Santa Claus is here in our Boys' Clothing Department. Toys Free—Santa Claus greets all his little friends with a Xmas box of candy—bring the children.

Tailor Made Suits
Less Than Half **\$13.75**
Their Actual Worth

Strictly tailored suits in the very newest styles—garments that are notable for their exquisite lines and fine tailoring. All sizes for Small and Large Women.

The materials from which these garments are made include fancy worsteds and many pretty effects in mannish mixtures. Every garment in this lot is easily worth twice the sale price.

Finest Tailored Suits
Both Plain and Fancy Reduced to Half Former Price **\$23.75**

Some of our finest suits are placed into this sale for clearance at \$23.75. There are so many colors and so many styles that it is impossible to give a detailed description.

Fancy trimmed suits—some richly embellished with braid and others with fancy cuffs and collar treatment. Plain tailored suits of the highest grade and workmanship and most expensive material are included in this lot, which we place on sale for \$23.75.

Silk Dresses \$6.45
Cloth Dresses

Tailored cloth dresses for street and calling wear. Silk dresses for evenings and parties. Sizes for Misses and Women, regardless of their former price. We mark them to close at \$6.45.



Military Capes \$9.75
Opera Capes

In very fine broadcloth and all evening shades. Military capes in blue or black are on sale at less than half price. Many of these capes have but recently arrived and portray fashions that are now most popular in the Eastern Metropolis.

Silk Waists



Messaline and Taffeta Waists in beautiful evening shades, embellished with laces and insertions, form a group that are marked down to **\$2.95**.

Elaborate Waists in Messaline and Taffeta, exquisitely embellished with fine laces and embroidery—waists of a very high character—form the second group. Price... **\$3.95**.

Net Waists, silk tailored waists and evening waists that sold for almost twice this sale price form the third group, the strongest waist attraction we have ever made. **\$6.75**

Girls' Blue Serge Sailor Suits \$6

Regulation Sailor Suits of guaranteed double twill blue serge. Splendidly made. Ages 4 to 16. Price \$6.

Silk Underskirts \$2.95

A terrific cut in splendid rustling Taffeta Underskirts of a very high grade. A very wide range of colors, as well as black and white. This price reduction enables you to buy these skirts for a great deal less than the cost of the materials from which they are made.

Any Trimmed Hat That Sold Up to \$10

\$4.35

Your choice of any trimmed hat in our stock that sold as high as \$10 for \$4.35. Most women know what beautiful hats we were selling for \$7.50, \$8.50 and \$10. All these hats are now marked down to \$4.35.



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Guaranteed waterproof coats in the London tourist model. Neat colors and pretty stripes. Sale price \$12.50.

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Made of heavy Scotch cheviot and winter cashmeres—warm, comfortable and wear resisting. Ages 6 to 16.

Evening Costumes, \$23.75
A limited number of beautiful gowns in beautiful chiffon cloth and evening silks—reduced for this sale to \$23.75.

Ladies' \$3.50 to \$5 Shoes \$2.00

Broken sizes—2 1/2 to 3 1/2 and 5 1/2 to 7 only. In Kid, Patent, Gun Metal, Button and Lace. If your size is in this lot do not overlook this special! Market street store only.

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