

SURPRISE FOR MILLER

Accused Ex-Postal Official Confronted with His Own Admissions Before Witnesses.

HIS WORDS WERE TAKEN DOWN

By a Concealed Stenographer While He Was Questioned by People at Washington.

Cincinnati, Oct. 15.—Starring room was in demand in the United States district court room on the second day of the trial of Miller and Johns for conspiracy and bribery in connection with the recently exposed postal frauds. Nine witnesses were examined and the government has four more to call. The defense was not taken by surprise until the stenographic report of the private secretaries of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow and of General Robb of interviews with Miller were introduced as evidence.

Testimony Broke the Monotony.

The monotony of the trial was very much broken when Watson testified. He said he was the private secretary to Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, and told of the letters passing between John J. Ryan and the department. Finally Assistant District Attorney Darby asked him to describe what took place in the office of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow on May 14, when General Robb and Chief Inspector Cochran had an interview with Miller. He said he was seated on a bundle of old newspapers in the corner taking full stenographic notes on his knee as Miller talked. Then Watson proceeded to read to the court from those original notes and occupied an hour and a half in doing so.

Wanted Miller to Explain.

The first question propounded to Miller by General Robb when he said: "Mr. Cochran and I have an unpleasant duty, and it must be performed now. Before anything is done you had better talk the matter over. You are a lawyer, and it is unnecessary to tell you that subterfuge will be useless and that we will have none of it. We will leave that aside. The examiners have been at work in the west on the Ryan matter. We have their reports, and their statements have been corroborated. It looks mighty bad for you and we want you to explain."

SAYS HE RECEIVED NO MONEY

Miller Denies That He Was Paid for Copies of Bullings or Information.

Miller said he would explain whatever he could, and then he was interrogated in regard to his old friend, Joseph M. Johns, and his connection with him from the beginning of the case to the end. When Robb and Cochran showed him the reports, also copies of letters and telegrams, indicating that he had sent the ruling of the department to Johns on Dec. 10, and wired him that the same had been sent, Miller admitted that he had written a letter to Johns, and that it was in his own handwriting, and not dictated as other letters in the official correspondence of the department.

Then Watson proceeded to read from his stenographic notes a question by General Robb as to whether Ryan had turned over \$4,500 to Johns on the same day that the latter got the ruling from Miller. Miller denied any knowledge of that transaction, and insisted that he had never received directly or indirectly a cent for any copy of a ruling or any information regarding the same. He declared to Robb and Cochran that he did not believe Johns had ever made any such representations as were attributed to him in the reports of the postoffice inspectors.

The last witness of the day was Charles H. Robb, the successor of General Tyne as assistant attorney general for the postoffice department. He testified to a second interview at which the same parties were present except that his secretary, Tullis took the place of Watson as stenographer, in an unceasing position. In this second interview Robb and Cochran confronted Miller with statements that he had made in his previous interview, and asked him to reconcile them with the letters and telegrams and the reports of the postoffice.

Robb was closely cross-examined by Hulsan and denied that he had taken possession of Miller's mail before either of these interviews, but he did not deny that the postoffice inspectors might have done so. Robb did ask Miller to let him see his mail hereafter, and asked Miller to open his letters in his presence. To all these requests Miller assented.

HOPE FOR THE CONSOLIDATED

Properties at the Soo May Be Taken Over by a Syndicate of British Capitalists.

Montreal, Oct. 17.—Senator Dandurand, who holds an option on the plants of the Consolidated Lake Superior company in the interests of an English syndicate, has arrived in the city, accompanied by F. H. Clergue. The senator was in cable communication throughout the day with the parties he represents, and stated that he hoped to be able to pay the greater portion of the Speyer indebtedness on Monday.

Senator Dandurand also stated that three times during the past summer the Consolidated company was on the point of securing the money it wanted, when it was blocked by New York interests.

"Cubs" and "Boxes" Tie.

Chicago, Oct. 16.—The series for the local championship closed with another defeat for the Nationals—2 to 0—and without result, each team having won and lost seven games.

Platt and His Bride in Jersey.

Lakewood, N. J., Oct. 16.—Senator Platt and his bride have arrived here from New York. The senator refused to say how long they intend to remain.

DEVASTATING FLAMES

Sweep Over the City of Aberdeen in Washington and Wipe out \$1,000,000.

DEATH CLAIMS FOUR PERSONS

Half a Dozen Others Injured—Ten Blocks Burned—Fatal Fire in a Hospital.

Aberdeen, Wash., Oct. 17.—The most destructive fire in the history of this town has wiped out ten business blocks and many residences, causing a loss of probably \$1,000,000. Not more than one-half of the loss is covered by insurance, for the reason that the insurance companies have refused to carry any greater risk owing to the inflammable material of which all the buildings in Aberdeen are constructed. Every business man in the city is a loser either by fire, water, removal, breakage or loss by theft. Not anticipating that the flames could get beyond the fire department's control many waited until the fire was close upon them before starting to move out.

Confusion in the Streets.

The streets were soon strewn and littered with all kinds of material, and the rush and haste of teams and people in every direction caused great confusion. The fire started in the old Mack building, on Hume street, owned by Oscar Crane, which had been regarded as a fire trap and dangerous structure. It was occupied by numerous single men, who cooked their own meals chiefly on oil stoves. It was in a room in the third story, where the flames started.

Fire Attacks the Hose House.

From the Mack block the fire spread to the fine new hose house and headquarters of the fire department. Great volumes of flames shot into the air and the heat became unbearable to the people. In a short time the flames had jumped across the alley to Walker's saloon and every building in the block bounded by Heron and F and H streets, including Kaufman's brick building, went up. Word went along every business street to prepare for the worst, and as far up as the Commercial block there were hurried preparations to get out of danger. In order to stop the progress of the flames dynamite was used on several of the buildings upon which the flames were advancing. Telephone messages brought the fire departments of Hoquiam and Montesana to the scene and they did effective work.

Four Dead and Six Injured.

The fire burned for five hours and caused four deaths. The dead are: Charles Rolfs, Daniel Webster, Calvin McKenzie and an unknown man. Injured—John Steen and H. W. Lacy, kicked in head by a runaway horse; J. D. Hansen, head and body bruised; A. Bierberg, head cut; John Mills, of Hoquiam, foot injured; William Ogeby, partly suffocated.

Where the Life Was Lost.

When the fire had reached the Pullman saloon several men were hurt by a wall giving way. Among the injured was Fire Chief Koehler, who was rendered unconscious, but later returned to his duties. Calvin McKenzie was caught under the falling walls of the Eagle dance hall. His back was broken and he died in a short time. The other fatalities were at the Mack building, where Charles Rolfs, a one-legged man, was cremated. When the flames had completely enveloped the building the spectators were horrified by seeing Daniel Webster, a well-known character, appear at one of the windows. Before a ladder could be raised to his aid he jumped. Almost every one in his body was broken. The unknown man was killed by a falling wall.

Aberdeen Has a Population of about 7,000 and the Chief Industry is Lumbering.

Fire Breaks Out in a Hospital at Atlanta—Two Women Die.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 17.—As a result of a fire in the Grady hospital, the largest in the city, two negro women died and for some time the lives of a score or more were threatened. The two women died as a result of the excitement, and not from injuries received in the fire. The fire originated about midnight from embers left in a laundry stove.

The Negro Ward, which was separated from the main building of the hospital, was destroyed. There were twenty negro men and twelve negro women in this ward, and all were removed to a place of safety. The entire hospital was filled with smoke, and the action of the nurses in protecting their patients was heroic. The property loss was small.

Prince Has a Close Call.

Berlin, Oct. 15.—The prince regent of Bavaria had a narrow escape while driving in his carriage near Berchtesgaden, Austria. He was driving across the railroad track when a train came up and the prince was only saved by the presence of mind of the engineer, who stopped the locomotive close to the carriage.

Wouldn't Stand the Cut.

Sharpsburg, Pa., Oct. 16.—As the result of a cut of \$1.25 a ton in their wages the entire force of puddlers at the Moorhead Bros. company rolling mills, Sharpsburg, have gone on a strike. The Moorhead mill is an open shop.

Gang of Thieves Ambushed.

Great Falls, Mont., Oct. 17.—A gang of thieves who tried to run horses out of the Fort Peck reservation were ambushed and two of them killed. The Indians engaged in a running fight with the outlaws, driving them off the reservation.

Deputies Win a Free Food.

London, Oct. 17.—The Duke of Devonshire, late lord president of the council, has conditionally accepted the presidency of the Free Food League, which is organizing a campaign against the fiscal policy of Chamberlain and Balfour.

TALKS FOR EXCLUSION

President Mitchell, of the U. M. W., Addresses the National Civic Federation.

HE FAVORS THE "CLOSED SHOP"

Has a Poor Opinion of Non-Union Men and Especially of the "Strike Breaker."

Chicago, Oct. 16.—Discussion of the question of the "open shop" by representatives of labor and of capital took up the greater part of the first session of the National Civic Federation conference, which is endeavoring to establish more rightful relations between employers and employees and to end strife. Various phases of the matter of freedom of employment which is now agitating the industrial world were presented by interested persons. The discussion will be continued to-day, when it will become general.

John Mitchell's Views Given.

During his talk on "open shop" John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, strongly denounced the non-unionist and the strike breaker, whom he likened to a criminal. In opposing the "open shop" he said: "By a refusal to work with non-union men labor organizations occasionally excite acrimony and irritation among employers and invite grave criticisms from the press and public."

Presents His Justification.

"To refuse to work with non-union men is no greater and to no less extent compulsion than for a life or fire insurance company to refuse certain classes of people, or for any association whatsoever to set conditions under which it will have dealings with certain persons. The compulsion exerted by unions, whether toward non-unionists or employers, must be judged upon its merits, and must not be decried merely because of its compulsion."

Strike Breaker a Criminal.

"The majority of non-unionists are not malicious, only at the worst stupid and apathetic. However, there is one group of non-unionists, the professional strike breakers, but little removed from the criminal classes. I do not mean to say that every strike breaker is a criminal. Some of these professional strike breakers are former unionists, men who have been dishonorably discharged from the union, cashed for conduct that is unbecomingly a unionist, if not actually indicted for defalcations or other offenses against the law. Others have never been in a union and have never been defiled or contaminated by work."

Exclusion Has Come to Stay.

"With the progress of trades unions and their growth in strength there will probably be a lessening in the intensity of feeling against the non-unionist, but no lessening in the policy of exclusion. In conclusion, I believe that trade unions have a perfect legal and moral right to exclude non-unionists, but that this right shall be exercised with the utmost care and only after persuasion has been tried and failed."

NO WORK FOR GLASS BLOWERS

Human Kind Will Not Be Used This Year—Trade in a Very Serious Condition.

Marion, Ind., Oct. 16.—John S. Denny, former president of the American Window Glass Works Association of America, in an interview, said: "You can say for me that there will not be made a single roller in any factory controlled by the American Window Glass company this year by human blowers, and I am willing to go on record as making this statement."

Denny said further that a statement had been published in a Muncie paper to the effect that he was in the gas belt to make a sliding scale for men in the new organization. He said this was untrue. "I am not a calamity howler, but I can positively state that the window glass business from every standpoint is in a more serious condition this season than it has been in my knowledge. There is absolutely no solution to it at present."

TESTIMONY IS CLOSED

Arguments Begin in the Case Against Miller, the Ex-Postoffice Employee, for Conspiracy, Etc.

Cincinnati, Oct. 17.—The evidence has been concluded and arguments have been begun in the trial of Miller and Johns for alleged conspiracy, etc. After being on the witness stand three hours Thursday, Johns was cross-examined for over an hour. His cross-examination brought out nothing new. Miller was on the witness stand from 11:30 a. m. until 4 p. m. and was generally conceded to be an exceptionally strong witness for himself, both in direct and cross-examination.

He said there was no conspiracy of any kind in his connection with Johns, and that in the holding up of the order against Ryan by the department Christianity was fully informed and agreeing, after Ryan accepted certain stipulations. He (Miller) had ordered Ryan's mail held up after the ruling in favor of Ryan had been mailed because Ryan had violated the postal laws. He said relative to the trap laid for him when Watson, hidden, took stenographic notes of his (Miller's) examination at Washington, that Watson's notes were not complete and did not give his answers fully. Those taken by Tullis he admitted were correct.

Assistant District Attorney Darby began the argument for the prosecution.

Illinois Bankers Going West.

Omaha, Oct. 15.—The "bankers' specials" two in number, carrying the Illinois delegation of bankers en route to the national convention at San Francisco was joined at Omaha by a number of Iowa bankers.

Chicago Girl Married at London.

London, Oct. 15.—At St. James church, Piccadilly, A. M. Myburgh, married the late P. A. Myburgh, married Nina, the only daughter of the late Charles A. Merrill, of Chicago.

HUNTS UP A PRODIGAL

Devoted Wife Wants Her Wayward Husband to Share Her Good Fortune.

FAD ACCIDENT ON THE RAIL

Nine Persons Hurt, Some Very Seriously—Work and Gravel Trains Come Together.

Marion, Ind., Oct. 16.—After a search of many months for her husband, Mrs. E. R. Truckenmiller, a wealthy Davenport (Ia.) woman, found him in this city, working as a common laborer. A few months ago Truckenmiller was general manager of a large manufacturing concern in his native city. A short time ago he acquired the liquor habit and from time to time went down. He lost his position at the factory and in a short time was reduced to poverty. He and his wife were forced to give up their home and seek employment.

Still Her Love Held True.

Truckenmiller became tired of the ridicule to which he was subjected and left the city. His wife attempted to find him, but was not successful. She gave up the search and worked as a servant in a private family. A few months ago she inherited a good fortune. She still retained her love for her husband and sent telegrams over the country in an effort to find him. She learned that he was in Marion and came here on a hunt for him.

Promises to Reform.

The police located Truckenmiller where he was working as a laborer. His clothes were ragged, his face unshaven, and he presented a sight that would test the love of the most faithful. The two went to the office of the superintendent of police, where the woman pleaded with him to go home with her. He consented to do this, and gave his promise never to drink again. She took him to furnishing store and fitted him up with a complete outfit, and the two started toward the railroad station to take a train to Davenport.

NINE HURT IN A COLLISION

Work Train with Thirty Men on Board Collide with a Gravel Train.

Elwood, Ind., Oct. 16.—Nine persons were injured in a collision on the Indiana Union Traction company's road near Crestes between a work car loaded with thirty men and with a gravel train.

Those injured were: Walter Pruitt, Alexandria, motorman of the gravel train, right arm broken, dislocated shoulder and back sprained; Frank Riddle, Gas City, trackman, both feet crushed, shoulder dislocated and head badly hurt; George Dimmick, Marion, back sprained, face and body bruised; William Avery, Marion, right leg and arm injured, gash on the head and sprained shoulder; John Grubbs, Marion, motorman on the work train, left leg broken.

The following were badly bruised: Arlie Shaw, Alexandria, brakeman; Henry Shepherd and Sam Long, Alexandria; Conductor Joseph Overan, Alexandria. All the injured are being cared for here.

Will Cost More Than It Comes To.

Vincennes, Ind., Oct. 16.—The jury in the case of the Indiana Clay company, of Shoals, against the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern Railroad company, failed to agree, after being out sixty hours, and was discharged. It is the fourth time the case has been tried. The Clay company asks \$30,000 damages, claiming that a spark from a locomotive set fire to plaintiff's plant, destroying it.

Matter of Taste, Principally.

Anderson, Ind., Oct. 16.—William Fox presented his fiancée a gold watch. He secured a marriage license May 9, and about the same time he took the watch back to the jeweler to have it repaired. Before it was repaired Miss Rick killed him, and he refused to return the watch. She brought suit in replevin, and the case has been in court for two weeks.

The War on the Lewis Farm.

Hartford City, Ind., Oct. 16.—The Samuel Welch farm is still surrounded by drillers of the Ohio Oil company, who are guarding the lease, while Austin Lewis and wife are guarding their interests camped in a driving rain on the farm. There has been no outbreak, although the sympathy of the farmers is with Lewis.

Indiana Good Templars.

Lafayette, Ind., Oct. 16.—The forty-eighth annual session of the grand lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, elected the following officers: L. A. Wade, grand chief temple; Lafayette; B. A. Harding, grand secretary, Shelbyville, Ind.; John McGill, grand treasurer, Atlanta, Ind.

Merry Old Skater Was He.

Peru, Ind., Oct. 16.—Daniel Reeder, aged 96 years, the oldest person in Miami county, is seriously ill at his home in this city. Until within the last year Reeder showed remarkable vitality. He skated and cut figures on the ice with as much agility as a boy.

They Want Reed Smoot Barred.

Bloomington, Ind., Oct. 16.—The convention of Indiana Baptist churches has adopted resolutions against allowing Reed Smoot to be seated as United States senator from Utah.

Parry Calls the Employers.

Indianapolis, Oct. 15.—D. M. Parry has issued a call for representatives of manufacturers' employers and trade organizations to meet in Chicago Oct. 29 and 30 for the purpose of completing the formation of the National Federation of Employers.

Japanese Win a Shooting Match.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 15.—A Feking dispatch tells of a shooting competition between picked teams from the British and American and Japanese legations at the Chinese capital. The Japanese won with the Americans second.

HOLE WAS A DRY ONE

Story Showing That Prayers of a Corporation Avail Nothing in Oil.

MIDNIGHT SEARCH FOR WEALTH

Persons Who Would Profit by Robbers' Loot—A Tack on Appropriation—State News.

Indianapolis, Oct. 17.—That a large corporation might as well be soulless is argued from the troubles of the New American Oil and Refining company, which attempted to do business on a Christian basis. The jury in superior court is now considering the guilt or innocence of S. Arthur Scott, of Ellettsville, former secretary of the company, against whom suit was brought on the last several days in that court. According to the evidence in the case, Scott, who is young, came to Indianapolis in 1899 for the purpose of organizing a company to develop the Wells county oil field. He organized it all right, and the stockholders were nearly all Baptists.

Ran It on Religious Principles.

As shown by the minutes of the meetings of the stockholders, peculiar business methods were pursued by the religious capitalists. To begin with, it was made a part of the charter that one-tenth of all profits of the company should be devoted to benevolent purposes. Each meeting of the board of directors and of the stockholders was opened with prayer, and on one occasion the question of drilling a new well was considered during a whole morning without a definite decision. Adjournment was therefore taken until 3 p. m., and during the interim each stockholder prayed for instruction. The result of the prayer was a unanimous vote for the drilling of the well.

Prayer That Availed Not.

The result of this operation is told very briefly. In a subsequent meeting the minutes were made to read: "We struck a dry hole."

It is to collect the title that the suit is brought and in the cause of the hearing it was told how young Scott had confessed at a meeting of the directors in October, 1900, that he had forged pipe line receipts to show that the company was doing a great business.

SEARCHING FOR STOLEN TREASURE

Unknown Persons Digging in the Bottoms for an Express Safe Hidden by Robbers.

Scottsburg, Ind., Oct. 17.—Some persons, who evidently do not wish their identity to be known, have been digging at night in Marshfield bottoms, two miles north of here, for a safe containing several thousand dollars, which many people believe was buried there by the Reno gang of train robbers many years ago.

At the time of the hold-up the country surrounding the Marshfield water tank was a dense forest for miles, and somewhere in this dense thicket a large safe, taken from the express car of the train which was held up, was secreted and never found. The train robbers were hard pushed and many believe the safe is still reposing some place in the bottoms.

Appropriation to Be Attacked.

Indianapolis, Oct. 17.—A suit to test the constitutionality of the legislative appropriation act passed by the legislature of 1903 will probably be filed within a short time. O'Brien, the Democratic state chairman, has held from the start that the appropriation act cannot stand, on account of the arrangement of the various districts to enable the Republicans to control the state by a very large majority in both houses.

May Be a Clue to a Murder.

Indianapolis, Oct. 17.—An negro unknown to the police is being held until an investigation can be made concerning a certificate of membership in the Scottish Rite Masons which he had in his possession. The certificate bore the name of James C. Hatfield, of Oslan, Ind. The police have ascertained that Hatfield left Oslan recently for Kansas City. Relatives of Hatfield fear that he met with foul play.

They Want to Bury a Priest.

Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 17.—Terre Haute Roman Catholics are sending telegrams to the provincial of the Franciscan order, asking that the body of Rev. Father McEvoy, who died at Hoboken, be buried in Terre Haute instead of the cemetery of the order at Syracuse, N. Y. Father McEvoy, who was stationed here for many years, said he wanted to be buried in Terre Haute.

Farmer Loses Three Horses.

Noblesville, Ind., Oct. 17.—The large frame barn on the farm of Reuben Gasche, southeast of this city, together with the contents, except one two-horse wagon, was destroyed by fire. Three horses perished in the flames and considerable hay and corn were burned. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss will reach \$1,200, partly covered by insurance.

It Is Wet in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 15.—Rain has fallen almost continuously in the eastern half of Nebraska for three days, and there is no sign of a break in the clouds.

Mail Thief Makes a Confession.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 16.—J. L. Dieffendorf, a distributing clerk in the postoffice in this city, has been arrested charged with robbing the mails.

Blind Furnaces Closes Down.

Etna, Pa., Oct. 16.—The Isabella blast furnace at Etna has closed down indefinitely, throwing about 600 men out of employment.

Fall of Slate Broke His Neck.

Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 17.—Joseph Simpson, a miner at Fontanet, has been brought to the hospital here with a broken back, caused by a fall of slate in a coal mine.

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