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NO EVIDENCE OF CORRUPTION FUND

SENATE LOBBY COMMITTEE CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES.

PRISON LABOR CONTRACTORS

Alleged to Have Used \$50,000 Fund to Defeat Pending Hughes Bill.

Washington.—There is no evidence here of any \$50,000 fund, said Senator Overman, chairman of the Senate Lobby Committee, at the conclusion of the committee's investigation of reports that such a sum was being used in Washington by representatives of prison labor contractors to defeat the pending Hughes bill to restrict marketing of convict-made goods.

The chairman's remarks, which apparently closed this latest phase of the committee's inquiries, was addressed to Edward Boyle, a Chicago attorney and former treasurer of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections, who has opposed so-called anti-convict labor legislation for years as legal representative of a group of manufacturers having prison labor contracts.

E. Stagg Whiten, an instructor of Columbia University and chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Committee on Prison Labor, was the only witness who had been subpoenaed besides Boyle. He spoke of meeting Boyle at a meeting of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections and said Emory Lyons, secretary of the Central Howard Association of Chicago had told him on one occasion that prison contractors were raising a fund of "a dollar a year per convict" to defeat national anti-convict labor legislation. Boyle had later confirmed this in substance, he said.

Whiten also asserted that at a hearing before a house committee in 1910 on a similar bill Frederick P. Mills, treasurer of the American Prison Association, had first favored the measure and then "went to pieces in his testimony after a conversation with Boyle."

ULSTERMEN ON VERGE OF WAR

The British Government Disposes Its Troops to Prepare for Emergency.

London.—"War in Ulster" is the startling headline sensational London newspapers are displaying in the black type.

The government began to dispose of its regular troops in Ireland, so they may be in position to deal with any situation that arises. The army command some time ago considered the possibilities of home rule strife and instructed Lieutenant General Sir Arthur Henry Fitzroy Paget, who commands the Irish garrison, to take necessary precautions to maintain order and safeguard property. A general redistribution of forces in Ireland thereupon was begun.

Two regiments were sent from the north to reinforce the Ulster garrisons while the troops in Ulster were moved to other stations in conformity with the orders that in the event of trouble there will not have to encounter difficulties with whom they had formed friendships. Some Irish recruits were sent from the Armagh recruiting station to England.

The possibilities of a collision between British soldiers and Ulster volunteers, resulting from the superheated political feeling, are recognized, but on both sides are trying to exert a pacific influence. John Redmond, nationalist leader in Parliament, telegraphed Nationalists in Belfast an urgent appeal to abandon a parade arranged for Sunday in Londonberry, which it was thought likely would result in rioting. Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster leader, and members of the council, invoked calmness on the part of the volunteers.

Repealing the Old Frisco Debt. St. Louis.—Federal Circuit Judge ... approved the agreement by which the receivers of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad cancel an ... against the road of nearly ... and relinquish ownership ... in Louisiana to the ... that promoted them. The ... provides for the surrender ... of notes aggregating ... held by Albert T. Perkins, ... manager of the St. Louis ... Trust Company.

Countertailing Villa's Money. El Paso, Tex.—The continued issuing of counterfeit Villa paper currency in the United States resulted in agents of the Chihuahua rebels accusing an American in a hotel lobby here, accusing him of having in his possession 12,000,000 pesos counterfeit money. They were told to "mind their own business." The incident raised a question as to whether the possession or even manufacture of Mexican fiat currency was illegal in the United States. Great quantities are in circulation.

GEORGE CRUMP, JR.



George Crump, Jr., of Wewoka, Okla., is the second ex-convict to announce his candidacy for the governorship of Oklahoma. He has asked Al Jennings to withdraw from the race and give him a chance to "beat it back." Crump was sent to the penitentiary for forgery in connection with Indian land frauds and was pardoned by Lieut. Gov. J. J. McAlester. Governor Cruce denied the pardon and Crump appealed to the courts and was released on habeas corpus.

YOUTHFUL BANDIT SLAIN BY POSSE

ROBBED BANK OF NEWALLA OF \$700 AND WAS PURSUED TO HIS DEATH.

Oklahoma City.—Four hours after Joseph Agnes Patterson, 23 years of age, and a former Newalla youth, held up the cashier, Bert Bradley, and robbed the State Bank of Newalla, 19 miles east of Oklahoma City, of \$700, he was surrounded by a posse of between 30 and 40 men, two miles east and one mile north of Newalla and killed. The money was not recovered, \$3 being found in the clothing of the robber. Patterson shot and wounded four members of the posse in the running fight.

Chief of Police Charles Hawk of Shawnee was shot in the lung and hand, Deputy Sheriff Frank Timmins of Shawnee was shot in the arm, a bullet grazed the head of Jerry Spann, night chief of police of Shawnee, and H. M. Hulse, a farmer living near Newalla, was shot in the leg. It was feared at first that the injuries of Hawk might prove fatal, but later it was announced he would recover.

The youthful bandit who was born and reared at Newalla, but had been away for three years working as a railroad telegrapher, entered the bank, forced the cashier, the only person present, into the vault and gathered up the loose cash. The cashier escaped in five minutes and spread the alarm.

A note found in the pocket of Patterson, read: "This is the day; if I am successful and I feel I shall be, that I will go to her."

Embezzling From Mother-in-law. St. Louis.—Edgar M. Davis, a former railroad builder of this city, was indicted on a charge of embezzling \$500,000 from his mother-in-law, Mrs. Annie B. Cross of Jerseyville, Ill. Davis formerly had charge of the estate left by Mrs. Cross' husband, a banker.

Filibusters Becoming Active. Douglas, Ariz.—Ives Lellivier, Constitutional representative here, wired to the State Department at Washington, insisting that neutrality laws be rigidly enforced on the border. Lellivier said Mexican Federal sympathizers had organized filibustering bands on the American side and had invaded Constitutional territory with the object of destroying lives and property. To keep the bands in check, he said the rebels were required to maintain large forces needed elsewhere.

Storm Claimed 3,000 Victims. St. Petersburg.—The storm that swept over Russia claimed more than 3,000 victims in the territory near the mouth of the river Don, according to a dispatch from Rostov.

Mons. J. M. Lucey Reported Dying. Pine Bluff.—Monsignor J. M. Lucey, 86 years old, for 40 years pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church here, and vicar general of the Catholic diocese of Little Rock, is dying at San Antonio, Texas. Monsignor Lucey took the last sacrament Monday night and his condition has been growing weaker each day since. Monsignor Lucey is one of the state's leading men, and a magnificent church building is being erected here as a monument to his usefulness and the public esteem.

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KELLEY PLANNED A REVOLUTION

UNEMPLOYED ARMIES WERE TO SEIZE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AT WASHINGTON.

BY HALF A MILLION MEN

Would Have Seized Rock Island Arsenal and Then Marched on National Capital.

Sacramento, Cal.—In a report to the War Department in Washington, Adjutant General Forbes of the National Guard of California, has given official cognizance to an alleged plan of "General" Kelly's army to seize the federal arsenal at Rock Island, Ill., in order to equip 500,000 men for a revolution against the government.

General Forbes' report is based on one made to him by Lieut. Franklin Grimes of a Sacramento company of the state guard, who joined Kelly's army and acted as a spy.

Lieutenant Grimes related how he gained the confidence of the leaders, who divulged their plan for capturing the United States government. There was to be a gathering of many "armies" at Chicago, according to Grimes. The leaders, according to the militia spy, believed they could assemble 500,000 men there. Then, moving in force, they would attack and capture the Rock Island arsenal.

Railroads out of Chicago would be commandeered, said the lieutenant, and the unemployed force, well armed, would be rushed toward Washington, where it would have the federal government at its mercy.

The plan was to spread a nationwide rebellion of workmen against employers of labor, which would depose all civil and military authorities and install the armies' leaders as supreme.

Grimes declared his informants asserted the movement was being conducted from the East and that Kelly's force was but a small unit in the whole. Among other statements was one that the leaders were relying for support on a large Canadian contingent.

"General" Charles Kelly's unemployed army, which began its march on Washington, D. C., 1,800 strong from San Francisco ten days ago, has been dispersed. Only a handful of irremovable remained in the camp in Yolo levee, to which the army was driven last week by Sacramento deputies.

ANOTHER ST. LOUIS HORROR

Wall of Burned Club House Collapses on Another Building, Kills Many.

St. Louis.—The bodies of three workmen were taken from the ruins of the St. Louis Seed Company building, wrecked Tuesday when a wall of the burned Missouri Athletic Club collapsed and crushed the four-story structure. Fifteen others have not been accounted for, and 10 persons were taken from the building injured.

The walls of the club house which was destroyed by fire, in which 30 persons lost their lives a week ago, collapsed under a high wind, and crashed through a four-story building occupied by the St. Louis Seed Company.

The wall, which stood seven stories high, crumbled when a 35-mile wind veered to the northwest. A few minutes before the collapse Building Commissioner McKelvey, who was directing 170 men in the work of exploring the ruins of the Missouri Athletic Club, feared the wall would fall, and ordered his men out of the debris.

Opposed to Church Union. Philadelphia.—A feeling that the time is not yet ripe for organic union of the seven church bodies represented in the council of reformed churches in America holding the Protestant system, was voiced by virtually all speakers at the council here.

Busch's Personal Estate \$17,000,000. St. Louis.—The inventory of the estate of the late Adolphus Busch, lists personal property aggregating \$17,000,000.

Southern to Spend \$300,000. Memphis, Tenn.—Construction work to cost more than \$300,000, which will raise the total investment of the Southern Railway Company in Memphis to nearly \$1,000,000 was agreed to by the officials of the road.

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MAXIMO CASTILLO



Maximo Castillo, the Mexican bandit who set fire to the Cumbre railway tunnel, causing the death of a number of men, including six Americans, and who was captured by American soldiers and imprisoned at Fort Bliss.

CLOSE CALLS IN MILWAUKEE FIRE

EVENING WISCONSIN, HOTEL WINDSOR AND WESTERN NEWSPAPER UNION WERE BURNED.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Fire which destroyed the job printing department of the Evening Wisconsin, the offices of the Western Newspaper Union and the Windsor hotel Thursday morning caused a loss of \$350,000. At first it was feared that a score of guests had been trapped on the top floor of the hotel, but at 3 o'clock Fire Chief Thomas A. Clancy announced that all the guests had been rescued.

The cause of the fire is not known. It was at first noticed by a policeman, who after turning in an alarm, rushed into the hotel and rescued guests on the second and third floors. He was unable to get to the fourth and top floor because of the smoke.

The elevator carried down as many as possible until the operator was compelled to flee.

About 40 guests are said to have been registered at the Windsor Hotel. Shortly after the alarm was given guests rushed down the steps and into the streets dressed only in night clothing and sought refuge in the Schubert theater.

The hotel was a four-story structure. The building was equipped with fire ropes front and rear so that any one being caught on the top floor could escape.

Congressman Sued for Divorce. Bristol, Va.—Mrs. Roberta Barton Slemp, wife of C. Bascom Slemp, representative in Congress from the Ninth district of Virginia, has instituted suit for divorce alleging desertion. Mrs. Slemp is a member of a prominent Louisiana family. She and Representative Slemp were married three years ago.

Stock Exchange Seats Off. New York.—The market for stock exchange membership, after a period of strength, is off again. This developed with the announcement of the sale of two seats at \$50,000, a drop of \$5,000 from the previous price.

Only 157 in Unemployed Army. Sacramento, Cal.—In the camp of the unemployed, north of Sacramento, there are but 157 men, the remnant of the army of 1,500 which invaded Sacramento two weeks ago.

Would Forfeit Trust-Held Patent. Washington.—A bill proposing that all patents and copyrights controlled by a trust shall be forfeited by the government was introduced by Representative Campbell of Kansas.

Serious Automobile Accident. Shreveport.—The bursting of a tire caused an automobile in which they were riding to be overturned on a high embankment on the Shreveport-Reisler road, several miles south of here, resulting in the serious injury of Mrs. J. C. Reynolds and the severe injury of her husband, who was driving the car. Mrs. Reynolds sustained fractures of both hips and internal injuries and is in a precarious condition. Near where this accident occurred an automobile party was pitched over the embankment several months ago, causing one fatality.

\$75,000 Fire at Monroe. Monroe.—Fanned by a high wind, the fire here Tuesday destroyed the Monroe Molasses Company's plant, 26 dwellings, 21 freight cars, 16 of which were loaded, with dressed lumber, and about 2,000 feet of track, property of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern railroad. The loss is estimated at \$75,000, partly covered by insurance. The flames started in the molasses plant, from a cause not determined. Through service on the Louisiana division was interrupted.

JEALOUS MAN SHOOT A WOMAN

TRAGEDY IN BATON ROUGE MAY END IN MURDER CHARGE.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Baton Rouge.—Crazed by jealousy and drink, Edd e Acosta, formerly held timekeeper for the Standard Oil, shot and probably fatally wounded Louise Bridges, keeper of a resort on Plum street, in front of her house Thursday morning. After shooting the woman, Acosta saw that she was carried into her house and then telephoned Chief of Police Huyck to come for him. He was lodged in the parish jail. The woman was taken to the sanitarium, where an operation was performed. It appears that Acosta, after a night of dissipation, saw the woman walking with another man in front of her house and immediately fired at her back, the shot taking effect in the shoulder. As the woman reeled he fired again, the bullet passing through the stomach. The man who was with the wounded woman wrenched the revolver from Acosta's hand. It is believed that the shot in the stomach will prove fatal.

"I was drunk and didn't know what I was doing," said Acosta. "I have been living with the woman for six years, and we always got along all right. It was all an accident." Acosta denied that he had shot the woman from the back. He said that he remembered none of the details of the accident.

Acosta is apparently about 25 years of age. He came to Baton Rouge six years ago from New Orleans. He has held various positions of responsibility, and was for three years head timekeeper at the Standard Oil plant. No charge has been made against him yet, but if the woman dies he will probably be indicted for murder.

LOSES AN OIL LAND SUIT

Ownership of Soda Lake Bed Decided Against J. B. Slattery.

Shreveport.—District Judge T. P. Bell has decided for the defendant the suit of J. B. Slattery against the Arkansas National Gas Company, lessees of about 200 acres of land belonging to the Caddo Levee Board located in the bed of Soda Lake, Caddo oil field. Mr. Slattery, of Shreveport, claimed ownership of the bed of Soda Lake under patent from the Federal government, claiming that the patent was covered by the common law as it existed in 1840, also that if the state was owner he acquired title through accretion. Judge Bell decided that the state, and not the United States, owned the lake bed, through its sovereignty; also that plaintiff acquired nothing through accretion.

TWO MONROE CITIZENS DEAD

Unexpected Demise of Uriah H. Millsaps and John S. Handy.

Monroe.—The announcement of the sudden and unexpected deaths of Uriah H. Millsaps and John S. Handy, two of the wealthiest and most prominent citizens of Ouachita parish, came as a great surprise and shock to the community. Out of respect to their memory two banks and several of the city's leading business establishments were closed for the day, showing the large financial connections of the two men. The death of Mr. Millsaps occurred at 12:45 o'clock Saturday morning. He had been in ill health since September and his condition took a sudden turn for the worst late Friday.

Mr. Handy's death was without warning and came at 6:30 o'clock Saturday morning. He spent Friday in Ruston and when he retired seemed to be enjoying his usual health. Messrs. Millsaps and Handy controlled large financial interests and were rated among the city's wealthiest men. Mr. Millsaps was rated as being worth nearly half a million dollars while Mr. Handy's fortune is not quite so great.

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Mrs. Randell, wife of Senator Randell of Louisiana, wife of Senator Randell of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

TO RUN RAILROAD TO NEW OIL LANDS

NEW LINE CHARTERED TO CONNECT WITH LOG TRAM FROM MANSFIELD.

Mansfield.—The transportation problem to the J. Soto oil field has been solved. Just before it was found near Mansfield the Frost-Johnson Lumber Company had procured the right of way for its tram road from its saw mill here to the oil field, and when oil was discovered it rushed work on the line. When it reached Naborton and tried to build the road on to the oil field the Nabors interests found that the road did not have the right of way through a forty-acre tract of land belonging to John H. Nabors.

The Frost-Johnson people were enjoined from passing over the J. H. Nabors land, and as they were not a chartered railroad they could not condemn the right of way.

A new railroad has been chartered to build a line from Naborton on through the oil field. This road will run its trains over the Frost-Johnson tram to Mansfield, and the depot, instead of being at Naborton, will be several miles beyond and a town will be built at that point. The tram road having no right to build and manipulate depots, etc., will not stop at Naborton except to load logs. The charter of this new railroad has been prepared, all of the stock taken and the work of building will begin at once and will be completed in about two weeks.

The new town will be the first regular depot from Mansfield and the only shipping point in the oil field. Naborton, which is a new town, built when the oil boom and the enjoined railroad started, will be practically isolated as a result of the injunction and the chartering of a new line.

Fiscal Agency Changes. Baton Rouge.—When the State Board of Liquidation meets, April 14, to let the contract for the fiscal agency banks there is likely to be a change. The fiscal agency banks now are the New Orleans National Bank, Iberia Bank and Trust Company and Whitney-Central National Bank, all of New Orleans. To these one-half of the state funds go. The fiscal agency banks in the country parishes are Bank of Assumption, Napoleonville; State National Bank, Iberia; First National Bank, Shreveport; Commercial National Bank, Shreveport; Central Savings Bank and Trust Company, Monroe; Ruston, State Bank, Ruston; Louisiana National Bank, Baton Rouge; Bank of Baton Rouge; Rapides Bank, Alexandria; Union Bank and Trust Company, Opelousas.

WANT EXPRESS RATE RELIEF

Many Pochatoulans Quit Certain Crops on Account of Rates.

Pochatoula.—Asserting that express companies have charged such high rates that the industry has been affected, many local truck growers have discontinued cultivating commodities such as okra, squash, etc. The Louisiana Railroad Commission will be petitioned to rule against the express company in the matter of a more uniform rate between Pochatoula and points north.

Amite.—The treasurer of the Parish School Board last week issued checks to the amount of \$13,466.39, which represents the unpaid balance due the teachers of Tangipahoa parish for services in 1912-13. The board expects to settle all claims by March, 1915.

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BRIDGE ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI

PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR FINANCING \$5,000,000 STRUCTURE AT NEW ORLEANS.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. New Orleans.—Preliminary plans for financing a \$5,000,000 bridge across the Mississippi at New Orleans have made sufficient progress to insure success, according to Arthur McGuirk, New Orleans attorney, who returned from New York. Mr. McGuirk went to New York for the Dock Board to handle legal details connected with the issuance and transfer of the \$3,000,000 of cotton warehouse bonds recently sold by the board. While in New York he took up with financiers and engineers the bridge project. Returned home, he says the project is feasible from a structural and financial standpoint, and will be put through.

Mr. McGuirk proposes to have the bridge publicly owned and publicly operated. He suggests that it should be handled jointly by the Dock Board and Public Belt Commissions. He says that New Orleans traffic would easily support it. No trouble will be experienced in getting the money necessary to finance the bridge, he said. A bond issue handled much as Dock Board issues have been handled would readily sell, he believes.

The plan is to build the bridge in the upper section of the city. Preliminary plans call for a structure six and one-half miles long, including approaches. The total length of the steel structure would be two and one-half miles. The length of the main channel span would be 1,066 feet; length of shore spans 607 feet; extreme length of main span 2,280 feet; extreme height of towers above clear 176 feet; clear height of span above high water 85 feet; range between low and high water 19 feet; depth at low water 100 feet; depth of foundations below river bed 70 feet; total height of structure 450 feet.

"I have a letter from Col. Elmer L. Corthell of St. Louis, who helped to build the Eads bridge at St. Louis, and assisted likewise in the jetties, approving the project and pronouncing it feasible both from an engineering and financial standpoint," Mr. McGuirk said. "He expressed regret that there is a tendency to build a bridge at a point above New Orleans. Such a step would work harm to the port of New Orleans."

"The structure could be finished within five years from the time work began. As far as feasibility from a financial standpoint goes, St. Louis supports three bridges and is planning a fourth; Memphis has supported one so well a second is in contemplation. New Orleans can certainly support one."

FOR WELFARE OF THE CHILD

Federal Legislation Safest Plan to Conserve Nation's Child Life.

New Orleans.—Federal legislation as the safest and most certain means to conserve the child life of the nation and rob the country's industries of its blackest horror—the emaciated, stunted boy and girl slave—was vigorously advanced by able speakers at the sessions of the Tenth National Conference on Child Labor, under the auspices of the national child labor committee, and a general advance was made toward the goal for which so many of the leading thinkers of the time have been striving.

To Suspend Rate Advances. Shreveport.—The traffic department of the Chamber of Commerce is in receipt of a petition filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission by Shelby Taylor, chairman; B. A. Bridges and John T. Michel, constituting the railroad commission of Louisiana, through W. M. Barrow, assistant attorney general and special counsel for the railroad commission asks the Interstate Commerce Commission to suspend certain Agents Leland, Washburn, Ryan and Sedgman's tariff naming wholesale advances in class and commodity rates to Shreveport, Monroe, Alexandria, Lake Charles, Lafayette and practically all points in Louisiana west of the Mississippi river until such time as the Interstate Commerce Commission may investigate and report on the advances which the railroads have made in their rates.

John B. Dunn Commits Suicide. Slaughter.—John B. Dunn, aged about 63, who has been postmaster here for eight years, committed suicide Saturday evening at the home of his brother, V. H. Dunn, by blowing his head off with a shotgun. Mr. Dunn was despondent over ill health.

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