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CLOSE SQUEAK FOR BONFILS OF POST

Shy and Retiring Denver Newspaper Man Attacked by Village Bad Man With Real Six-Shooter.

BODYGUARD GETS FINGER OVER TRIGGER

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] Denver, Feb. 9.—A warrant charging Thomas J. O'Donnell, prominent Democratic politician of Colorado, with assault upon F. G. Bonfils with intent to kill, issued from the sheriff's office today after an information against Mr. O'Donnell had been issued by the district attorney upon the complaint of Mr. Bonfils.

The alleged assault occurred today at the county court house where both men were going to attend the Bonfils injunction suit against the Denver Union Water company, in which Mr. Bonfils had petitioned that the company be enjoined from using money for political purposes. Mr. O'Donnell is vice president of a voters' organization which is fighting Mr. Bonfils' position in the water case.

According to witnesses, Mr. Bonfils with his partner, H. B. Tammien, approached the court house and met Mr. O'Donnell on the steps. The newspaper men were accompanied by M. A. Delaney, their body guard. Mr. Bonfils spoke to Mr. O'Donnell, saying witnesses to the effect that he (Bonfils) was not afraid of threats of violence which Mr. O'Donnell was accused of having made against Mr. Bonfils.

"I'm not afraid of you, either," retorted Mr. O'Donnell. Whereupon more words were bandied and Delaney proceeded and entered the court house, thinking, as he said, "it was only a jawing match."

The next action witnesses saw was a blow which Mr. Bonfils struck O'Donnell on the jaw. O'Donnell then drew a revolver from his coat pocket and attempted to fire it at Bonfils, who succeeded in catching hold of his antagonist's coat sleeve and prevented the discharge of the revolver.

Delaney, looking back, saw the assault and hastened to his employer's assistance. He jammed a finger between the trigger of the revolver and its shield, precluding the possibility of the gun's discharge.

He finally wrenched the weapon from O'Donnell and returned it to O'Donnell's son. The party then divided. An hour later Bonfils swore to a complaint charging O'Donnell with assault with intent to kill. O'Donnell declares he drew his revolver in self defense, and that he had been warned that Bonfils "went armed."

The clash grew out of the bitter campaign involving the water supply of Denver which will end with a special election February 17. O'Donnell and Bonfils oppose each other in this campaign.

BURKE OF CANAL ZONE FIRED WILL SEEK TO PROVE INNOCENCE

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] Panama, Feb. 9.—Col. Geo. W. Goethals, chairman of the Panama canal commission, today suspended John Burke, manager of the commissary department.

Colonel Goethals' action came at the conclusion of the hearing which gave Burke a chance to clear himself of the charges that he had accepted gratuities and had been guilty of irregular business transactions. Colonel Goethals also suspended W. F. Shipley, chief clerk of the commissary department, the reason given being "incompetence."

Colonel Goethals had yesterday received the report made by Mr. Nye, the special agent appointed to investigate the charges against Burke. He then informed Burke that he had given him a chance to explain and produce evidence of the innocence of his transactions, and of how he came to be possessed of so much real estate in the United States and Canada, and of large deposits in Indianapolis and other banks. Burke declared his innocence.

Captain Frank J. Wallcock, United States cavalry, has been appointed to succeed Burke. Other changes in the commissary department affecting minor employees are to be made immediately.

Huge Gray Wolf Runs Amuck in Kansas City

Half Starved Beast Shot After Biting Two Persons and Starting Reign of Terror in Residence District.

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] Kansas City, Feb. 9.—A large half starved gray wolf, after biting two persons, frightening a score of others and spreading consternation through a residential district, was shot and killed on Linwood Boulevard here today.

The wolf sprang upon Miss Anna Harrison as she waited for a street car. The wolf ran down the boulevard, pursued by a militia man who hurled bottles as he ran. Two blocks from the scene of the first attack the wolf snapped at a negro domestic, causing a painful wound in the arm. A number of grocery boys, business men and servants from boulevard homes joined the chase. A riot call was sent in to police headquarters and an automobile with half dozen patrolmen hurried to the scene.

The wolf had run 15 blocks and attacked another pedestrian, Samuel J. Hardin, a deputy county collector, before T. W. Wright, a policeman, ended the chase by sending a bullet into the animal's head. The police pronounced the "kill" a fine specimen of the gray wolf but were at a loss to know how it found its way into the heart of the city.

WILSON WIGGLES AROUND PARTY PLATFORM PLEDGE

Lame Explanation of Cheerful Repudiation of Plank Adopted at Baltimore Convention Made by Executive.

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] Washington, Feb. 9.—President Wilson let it be known today that from the first he regarded as an unwelcome policy the insertion in the Democratic national platform of the plank favoring the exemption of American coastwise ships from the payment of Panama canal tolls.

The president feels that a platform declaration on such a subject is in relation to circumstances that arise all over the world as well as in the United States and that only the element which the United States can control in the situation ought to be binding. He feels that a change of circumstances has arisen in the international aspect of the situation which necessarily would change the attitude of the American government and the attitude of the country on the subject. Mr. Wilson told callers today that the whole situation and the point of view of foreign governments was to some sense involved in the settlement of the controversy. He intimated that platform declarations should be limited to questions of domestic policy and should not embrace relations with foreign governments.

NO ALIENS GET BETTER JOBS ON THE PANAMA CANAL

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] Panama, Feb. 9.—Only natives of Panama and Americans hereafter will be employed in the higher grades of service on the Panama canal.

The rule will apply to all employees receiving more than \$75 a month, or more than 60 cents an hour. Aliens may be employed in those grades if they have occupied similar positions during the construction of the Panama canal for two years or more. They may also be employed temporarily in emergencies. The eight hour law will be applied to all per diem and hourly employees above the grades of laborers.

All officers and employes on the canal, except clerks, bookkeepers, stenographers, typewriters, surgeons, physicians, nurses and draughtsmen, and clerical positions paying \$75 and less per month, will be exempted from civil service examination. Employees of the Panama railroad may be transferred to the canal staff without examination.

Giles Mandeville Dies. Hartford, Conn., Feb. 9.—Giles Mandeville, a well known contractor and an uncle of Schuyler Colfax, vice president of the United States during President Grant's first term, died here aged 95.

LANE URGES A MEETING OF GOVERNORS

Secretary of Interior Suggests Conference of Western Executives at Denver on Reclamation Questions.

STATEMENT SENT OUT BY GOV. AMMONS

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] Denver, Feb. 9.—Governor Ammons has received a communication from Secretary of the Interior Lane suggesting that a meeting of governors of western states be held in the immediate future to discuss in detail the questions of irrigation and reclamation of arid lands of the west.

Secretary Lane suggested that the meeting be held simultaneously with the western governors' conference which is to convene in Denver, probably in April.

The governor has replied to Secretary Lane suggesting that the conference be held in Denver at the time of the western governors' conference. He suggested that the meeting be held the first of second week in April to accommodate Governor J. M. Carey of Wyoming, who now is in Europe.

In accordance with the secretary's communication, Governor Ammons today sent out a statement to western governors the text of which follows:

"The general conference of governors of the country will be held this year at Madison, Wis., in June. The executive committee has agreed to take up some western questions at this meeting and it is therefore thought best to have the western governors' conference in advance of the general meeting so that the conference suggested by Secretary Lane could very properly hold at the time of the western governors' conference and its results, if found necessary, be brought to the attention of the general conference.

"The subjects to be discussed would be of vital importance to this state and the entire west. There has never been anything so vital to the agricultural growth of the Rocky Mountain country as the handling of water rights and the developments of irrigation systems. If this proposed meeting could bring about not only a greater cooperation between the federal and state governments, but hold out some practical system for throwing safeguards about irrigation securities, the very greatest possible benefits would come to the west.

"It is urged that a great many interested parties could come to Denver, which is the center of the Rocky Mountain district who could not afford to go to Washington. Therefore a very much larger attendance could be had at Denver and it is therefore suggested that Denver should be chosen instead of an eastern city.

Governor Ammons was cited at the interest in western lands which Secretary Lane evidenced by his requesting a conference with western governors and declared that he believed a most amicable arrangement would be reached between state and federal governments.

STEEL CARS SAVE MANY LIVES

One Killed and 14 Injured When Twin City Limited Hits Broken Rail at Minnesota Town.

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] Sioux City, Feb. 9.—A broken rail wrecked Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha train number 2 at Glasgow, Minn., today. One person was killed and 14 injured. None of the injured are believed to be fatally hurt. All the cars except one, and the engine, left the track. The all steel equipment undoubtedly saved many lives.

INQUISTORS CAN COME TO GOV. FERRIS

Governor of Michigan Doesn't Intend to Inconvenience Himself Any More Over Strike Situation.

HAS ALREADY MADE THOROUGH INQUIRY

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] Hancock, Mich., Feb. 9.—A letter from Governor W. N. Ferris, declining an invitation to attend the congressional investigation of the copper strike was made public by Chairman Taylor at the opening session.

The letter follows: "Executive Chamber, Lansing, Mich., February 4. "My Dear Sir: "Your letter of February 2 is before me. I have never made a comprehensive report of the strike situation. Immediately after the strike was called, C. E. Mahoney and Angus Kerr came to the executive office. Either immediately preceding their call or immediately after that I offered my services to the miners and mine operators by way of mediation. This was declined by the mine operators.

"From time to time other delegations came to the executive office. Later on Mr. Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners and Clarence Darrow of Chicago had a conference with me. At another time representatives of labor organizations in the state of Michigan called on me. At another time a delegation of five or six miners waited on me. At another time Mitchell Mahon of Detroit and Clarence Darrow waited on me. At another time James MacNaughton, manager of the Calumet and Hecla, waited on me. The clergy and other representatives have from time to time come to the office to tell me how to settle the strike.

"In January I visited the copper country and made investigations with reference to specific points. During the past three months the results of all my investigations show that there is no bone of contention, namely, the Western Federation of Miners. Eliminate that factor and the dispute would have ended long ago.

"There is supposed to be among my documents a duplicate of the investigation made by the labor department at Washington. I also have complete stenographic reports of the Mitchell, Mahon and Darrow conferences. I have also complete stenographic reports of my investigations in the copper country. I regret that I cannot find in my files the typewritten report of Judge Murphy, who as my representative spent two weeks in the copper country early in the strike, trying to serve as mediator.

"As I view the situation, I cannot afford to go to the copper country again, nor can I afford to send the attorney general unless the United States government demands it. Any information at my office is at your disposal. I prefer, however, that your committee wait upon me at this office. You will go to the copper country first, get whatever information you can, then come prepared to see me at a time which will be agreeable to both parties and ascertain what I have in store for you."

CONGRESSMAN STORM BOUND: HEARING IS DELAYED

Hancock, Mich., Feb. 9.—The train hearing Representative Joseph Howell of Utah, the member necessary to make a quorum of the congressional investigating committee, was reported storm bound on the lower peninsula this morning and prospects for a meeting dwindled by the day advanced. Chairman Taylor declared that it was unlikely that hearings would begin before tomorrow.

Today's Program at the Auto Show

- 8 p. m.—Grand opening of the first annual automobile show at state armory, Albuquerque.
- Music by the Don Carlos orchestra.
- Stereoscopic pictures of good roads work in New Mexico.
- Grand promenade.
- Tuesday—Roadster Day.
- 2 p. m.—Photograph of every automobile in Albuquerque, by W. R. Walton. He is in the picture with your car.
- 2 p. m.—Music by Don Carlos orchestra.
- Show on in full blast.
- Grand exhibit of Buick, Haynes, Chalmers-Detroit, Oakland, Overland, Hupmobile, Ford and Stanley motor roadsters.
- 8 p. m.—Music by Don Carlos orchestra.
- Stereoscopic pictures of good roads work in New Mexico.
- Grand promenade.

MEXICO OWNS MORE GUNS THAN U. S.

Only Enough Powder to Defend Pacific Coast 30 Minutes; Ammunition Shortage Really Criminal, Declared.

FORTIFICATIONS BILL VIGOROUSLY DEBATED

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] Washington, Feb. 9.—The senate today passed the fortification appropriation for artillery and ammunition. Preparedness of the United States for war was debated in the senate during consideration of the fortifications bill, to which the senate committee has added nearly \$2,000,000 over the house appropriation for field artillery and ammunition.

Senator Bryan said the increases were made to meet as nearly as possible the estimate for an army of half a million men.

"If there are only 75,000 men in the army now, why should we have an army of half a million men?" asked Senator Sheppard.

"So as to be prepared for war," replied Senator Bryan. "While we had only 30,000 men operating around Santiago in the Spanish-American war, we had some quarter of a million men enlisted. With this allowance of guns America would still have less guns per man than any first-class power. We would have about the same proportion as Bulgaria and Serbia. We should remember it takes years to make these guns."

"Think of the great Pacific coast without powder to last thirty minutes under attack!" exclaimed Senator Warren.

Senator Smoot said the lack of ammunition was almost criminal. "Even Mexico possesses more mobile guns than we do," he said.

Senator Ashurst attacked the appropriations as extravagant.

"We are now spending 45 cents out of every dollar raised by the federal government for war, just or which we think or pretend to think are in the future."

Senator Sutherland challenged his figure.

Lyceum Regime Puts Another in Field

Secretary of Labor Wilson Joins Ranks of Democratic Official Chautauqua Battalion.

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] Washington, Feb. 9.—Secretary of Labor Wilson of the department of labor in the lecture platform of latest acquisition from the ranks of government officials. With Gifford Pinchot he will go over the "spring circuit" through Pennsylvania. Pinchot will uphold the principles of the Progressive party, of which he is a candidate for the senate; Secretary Wilson will uphold the cause of Democracy, whose senatorial nomination Representative A. Mitchell Palmer is seeking.

Despite the fact that the lectures of both will pertain to the political phases of the Pennsylvania campaign, they will be held on different occasions.

BUSINESS MEN OF LONDON IN MASS MEETING ASK BIG NAVY

Great Gathering Including Representatives of Billions of Capital Wants Supreme Fleet.

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] London, Feb. 9.—Unqualified and unanimous endorsement of the policy of maintaining "a supreme navy" was voiced today by a great mass meeting of representative business men of the city of London. The meeting was held at the Guild hall under the presidency of the lord mayor.

The call for the meeting had been signed by about 1,000 of the leading bankers, merchants and ship owners of all political creeds. The purpose was to assure the government that the citizens of London would cordially support it in any measure necessary to insure the supremacy of the navy and the security of British commerce.

Those present at the meeting represented several billions of capital.

SOLE SURVIVOR OF TRAGEDY IN THE TOILS

Charles I. Manning, Whose Wife Was Shot by Paragon, Charged With Being an Accessory to Murder.

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] Newark, N. J., Feb. 9.—The fate of Charles I. Manning, for the love of whom Hazel Herdman shot and killed his wife and then killed herself, depends on the contents of the letter which she wrote to Manning before she took poison on Saturday.

While published extracts of the letter, which Manning turned over to the police, in no way implicate him, the police intimated today that it contained certain references which warranted them in holding him as a possible accessory both before and after the fact.

STRIKE PROBE IN COLORADO IS BEGUN

Presidents of Big Corporations and Horny Handed Sons of Toil Gather in State Capitol for Hearing.

NEXT SESSION TO BE HELD IN TRINIDAD

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] Denver, Feb. 9.—Colorado's labor struggle today was transferred from the coal mines, militia barracks and strikers' tent colonies to the senate chamber in the state capitol where the sub-committee of the house committee on mines and mining opened the congressional investigation of the coal strike. Presidents of big corporations lined up on one side of the chamber while on the other sat labor leaders whose names have become nationally known in connection with the Colorado mines controversy.

State officers, attorneys, stenographers and spectators made up the rest of those in attendance when Martin D. Foster, chairman, called the session to order, read the house resolution under which the investigation was authorized and summoned Prof. Russell D. George, state geologist, to the witness stand to give the committee a preliminary outline of the mining industry in Colorado.

The state geologist, with the aid of charts, pointed out the various coal fields of the state and explained the character of the coal and method of mining in each. He was given close attention by the committee who interrupted with frequent questions.

The congressional committee investigating the Colorado coal strike appointed A. W. Tucker, former representative from Colorado, as legal advisor to the committee. At the opening of the hearing at 10:30 o'clock it was not known how long the committee would remain in Denver. Members of the committee stated that they would try to complete the preliminary inquiry today, departing for Trinidad late tonight.

It was considered more probable, however, that the Denver hearing would continue through tomorrow. Before opening the hearing the committee called upon Governor E. M. Ammons. The governor has agreed to appear as a witness if his testimony is wanted. At the opening of the session Martin D. Foster, chairman, read the resolution by which the investigation was authorized. He then asked the parties to the controversy to select attorneys to represent them at the hearing. John C. Casper announced that the operators would be represented by Fred C. Herrington, Frank E. Gove, J. V. Siskland and J. G. Northcutt.

It was announced that the miners would be represented by Horace H. Hawkins, James Clark, F. W. Clark and James H. Brewster. General John Chase obtained permission to have the National guard of Colorado represented by Major Edward Boughton and Captain W. C. Danks. The Consolidated Coal and Coke company was represented by C. L. Baum, Francis E. Bouck appeared for the attorney general of Colorado.

During a pause at the conclusion of Prof. George's testimony, the Oak Creek Coal company and the South Canon Coal company secured permission to have the name of George C. Manly entered on the records as their attorney. There was some delay while attendants searched the state house for other official witnesses and the chairman observed that the company would be forced to issue subpoenas and compel the attendance of witnesses unless they could be produced more promptly.

Finally, James Dalrymple, chief state inspector of coal mines, made his appearance and proceeded to answer questions by the committee regarding the status of his office and the conditions under which coal is mined in Colorado.

He explained that the new mining law was a decided improvement over the old, which he declared, "had nothing behind it."

"Then under the old law, the state laid down regulations and the operators could observe them if they felt like it?" asked Chairman Foster.

"Yes," replied the witness.