

HEAD OF LATE FISH TRUST IS INDICTED

Together With His Assistant Treasurer, W. Vernon Booth in Toils of the Law.

FIRM FAILED FOR SIX MILLION

Inherited Great Fortune from His Father and is Member of Many Aristocratic Clubs—Men Charged with Conspiracy to Defraud a Bank Out of \$300,000.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 22.—W. Vernon Booth, president of A. Booth & Company, the so-called fish trust, which went into the hands of a receiver last September, and F. R. Robbins, former assistant treasurer of the company, were both indicted here today.

They, with others to the grand jury unknown, are charged with entering into a conspiracy by means of which they secured "willfully maliciously, feloniously, etc." the sum of \$300,000 from the Continental National Bank of Chicago.

The two men are jointly indicted in one true bill which contains only three counts, none of them differing substantially.

News of the grand jury's action created a sensation in Chicago. Inherited Big Business.

W. Vernon Booth inherited from his father what is said to have been the largest fishing business in the world. The elder Booth was a hard working business man, who to his last day, would clean a fish or handle a sailboat with any of his employees.

Mr. Booth frequently entrusted the management of the business to his staff, apparently believing in common with the public that the big firm was safe from financial difficulties.

Liabilities Were Over \$6,000,000. The liabilities were estimated at over \$6,000,000, but the assets, at first supposed to be sufficient to meet the demands of the investigation, proved to be unofficially been estimated as low as \$2,000,000.

Sensational testimony was adduced from F. R. Robbins, who was indicted with Mr. Booth today.

The witness told a startling story of false statements presented to the banks to bolster up the tottering credit of the firm.

These statements, by reducing the figures showing liabilities and increasing the assets, Mr. Robbins said were \$2,000,000 away from the true condition of affairs.

Mr. Robbins said that when Mr. Booth learned that the statement had been made to the banks and that it was false, he insisted that the banks be promptly informed of actual conditions.

This was done at a secret meeting in the Continental National Bank, the witness said.

He suggested that it would be well to wait until after the next census before admitting New Mexico to statehood.

being simply an ill-advised or thoughtless act.

MET AT OLD POINT MONDAY; MARRIED THERE LAST NIGHT

Midshipman Young and Miss Connell, of Pennsylvania Wedded at Chamberlin at Midnight.

Daily Press, Hampton Bureau, Feb. 27.

A romance which had its beginning with the arrival of the battleship fleet in Hampton Roads Monday, culminated at midnight tonight, when Midshipman Robert Simonson Young, Jr., U. S. N., and Miss Margaret Connell, of Scranton, Pa., were married in the parlors of the Chamberlin Hotel, Old Point. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain Allen, of the battleship Connecticut in the presence of a happy party of friends of the young couple.

Midshipman Strauss was best man, and Miss Nation, of El Paso, Texas, was the maid of honor. Midshipman Blakely and Miss Montclair were also in attendance. The bride was given away by Mr. Brittan, the Swedish vice consul at Norfolk.

Midshipman Young is the son of Dr. Robert S. Young, a prominent physician of Concord, N. C., and the bride is the daughter of A. J. Connell, of Scranton, Pa.

The young couple met for the first time Monday when the young officer came ashore after his vessel had steamed into Hampton Roads with the homecoming battleship fleet. Miss Connell had come to Old Point to witness the fleet's arrival.

BUY NASHVILLE AMERICAN.

Ochs and Preston Get Control of Daily Paper.

(By Associated Press.)

NASHVILLE, TENN., Feb. 27.—Milton B. Ochs and Thomas R. Preston, the latter a banker, have purchased the Nashville American.

Mr. Ochs will be publisher and manager. He is the managing editor of the Chattanooga Times. His two elder brothers, Adolph S. Ochs and George W. Ochs are publishers of the New York Times and Philadelphia Ledger.

Editorial announcement will be made in the American tomorrow morning that on March 10 Ochs will assume the duties of publisher and manager.

STATEHOOD MUST WAIT

Former Governor of New Mexico Roasts Power in Control.

SAYS FREEBOOTERS HOLD SWAY

Statements Also Read by Two Senators Charging Jury Bribery and Other Offenses Against What Has Been Termed the Gang.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—There will be no statehood legislation for New Mexico and Arizona at the present session of Congress.

This was developed at a meeting of the Senate committee on territories today when all of the members, regardless of party, simultaneously abandoned consideration of the bill passed by the House and left the room without further suggestion.

This remarkable action occurred at the conclusion of the reading of statements presented by Senators Nelson and D. B. Foy, charging corruption, jury bribing and various other offenses against certain officials and leaders of what was termed the "gang" which is in control of political affairs in New Mexico.

"Freebooters" in Control. Among the statements read was a telegram from J. J. Hagerman, former Governor of New Mexico, reflecting upon the character of the people who are in control of political affairs of that territory and declaring that these men expect to continue their control after the territory becomes a State.

He refers to them as "freebooters" and says that sixty per cent of the voters are Mexicans, and one half of them are illiterate and ignorant and easily could be governed by a gang to which he referred.

He suggested that it would be well to wait until after the next census before admitting New Mexico to statehood.

ADMIRAL SPERRY WILL RELINQUISH COMMAND

Maintains Reticence Concerning His Reasons for Forthcoming Request to be Relieved.

WAINWRIGHT OR SCHROEDER NEXT

Sperry and Wainwright Have Lunch with President—Three Ships Left Hampton Roads Yesterday and Another Will Go Today—Fleet Will Reassemble Later in New Attire.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The President today entertained Rear Admiral Sperry and Wainwright of the Atlantic fleet, at luncheon at the White House.

All the flag officers and commanding officers of battleships have been invited to a banquet to be given in their honor tomorrow evening at the Metropolitan club in this city.

Lieutenant Commander Long, Brigadier General William Crozier and Hiram P. Maxin also were guests of the President at luncheon.

Postmaster General Meyer, who is slated to become the next secretary of the navy, called and remained with the President and Rear Admirals Sperry and Wainwright for half an hour after luncheon.

Change Not Discussed. He declared that they had not discussed the questions of the future commander in chief of the Atlantic fleet.

Rear Admiral Sperry declared tonight that while he had not made a formal request to be relieved of the command of the battleship fleet it was his purpose to do so after another consultation with Secretary of the Navy Newberry.

The admiral was reticent about his reason for not wanting to be the head of the big fleet, but it is thought that his request will be prompted by the fact that his retirement in September will occur only a short time after the fleet which is now breaking up, reassembles at Hampton Roads.

Wainwright or Schroeder. At the navy department the impression prevails that either Rear Admiral Wainwright or Rear Admiral Schroeder will be named to succeed Admiral Sperry.

The latter, who will remain in Washington for a few days as a guest of the Metropolitan Club, has not concluded his reports to the navy department relative to the world cruise of the fleet, and he expects soon to return to his flagship, the Connecticut.

The admiral stated tonight that Captain Hutchins, who was detached from the Kearsarge, was on the verge of a nervous breakdown, and that his detachment from the fleet was due solely to his own request.

Go By Twos and Threes. FORT MONROE, VA., Feb. 27.—Officers and men who made the voyage of the world viewed with feeling of keen regret the further breaking up of the American battleship fleet today.

Three of the ships that helped to win for the United States navy the admiration of the nations of the two hemispheres, sailed away to navy yards, making five gaps in all in the two long lines of anchored "square rones."

Other ships are to go tomorrow and by Monday it is thought that only the eight ships which are to furnish a brigade of marching bluejackets for the inaugural parade at Washington will be left in the Roads.

The going away of the ships at this time means more than a mere temporary distribution of the four divisions. It means the last of the "great white fleet."

Will Appear in New Attire. When the ships of the reorganized fleet rendezvous here on May 17 they will appear in a new dressing of service gray and the homogeneous vessels which even now puzzle the ordinary observer to distinguish between the classes will look more alike than ever.

ONE THIEF KILLED.

Another Wounded in Running Fight with New Orleans Detectives.

NEGRO ANTISALOONISTS.

Meet in Atlanta and Make Declaration of Their Aims.

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, GA., Feb. 27.—The Southern Negro Antisaloon Association, closing a three days' conference here, adopted a resolution, endorsing the "splendid movement" now being carried forward by our white neighbors for prohibition.

The resolution says: "The leaders in our white army are united in this course. We deny the statement often made by the friends of the saloon that as a race we can be counted upon to ally ourselves with their interests."

"We recognize that the saloon has been the cause of the greater part of crime committed by the weaker element of our race."

DECLARES INNOCENCE.

Castro Denies That He Sought Assassination of Gomez.

BEDFORD CITY, VA., Feb. 27.—The store at Goffes, near Big Island, belonging to Frank and Edward Burke, was destroyed last night by a fire that is supposed to be of incendiary origin.

This morning a bloodhound was sent from Roanoke and carried to the place to trace the originator of the fire.

Some months ago the barn of Mr. Powers, of the same vicinity, was burned and the bloodhound was summoned and followed a trail to the house of a negro who was arrested upon this evidence, and is still in jail awaiting trial.

There have been a number of fires in this locality all supposed to have been incendiary, and there is considerable excitement there.

State Republican Convention.

RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 27.—The state Republican convention will meet about the middle of March and prominent men in the party in Richmond are making an effort to bring the convention here. The most formidable opposition to Richmond comes from Norfolk.

Indications at this time favor the advocates of Richmond," said Melvin H. Stephens, president of the Republican club of Richmond, today.

Delegates to the state convention will be required to pay their own transportation and other expenses.

Agreement on Naval Bill. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—Senate conferees on the naval bill today reached an agreement on a bill to keep half of the navy on the Pacific coast.

House Conferees Give Way. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—Conferees on the navy appropriation bill, which is being considered today, and will report to the Senate and House on Monday, the House conferees accepted the various Senate amendments, including the appropriation for the pay of enlisted men.

GAINES OF TENNESSEE AROUSES THE SPEAKER

His Ire at Fever Heat, Cannon Calls Sergeant at Arms to His Aid.

EACH CLAIMS OTHER INSULTED HIM

Clash Occurs in House Between Presiding Officer and Tennessee Member—Warm Colloquy Precedes Summary Order by Speaker—Member Finally Submits with Parting Shot.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—A sharp clash between Representative Gaines of Tennessee and Speaker Cannon occurred in the house of representatives today in the course of which each claimed he had been insulted by the other.

So persistent was Mr. Gaines in addressing the chair which he had been declared out of order, that the speaker directed the sergeant-at-arms to compel him to be in order.

Promptly obeying the directions of the speaker, the sergeant-at-arms, for the first time in several years, took the floor from his stand and proceeded toward Mr. Gaines, but the speaker called him back upon hearing the Tennessee member say he would be in order.

The trouble arose over the reading of the general deficiency appropriation bill.

Gaines Interrupted Reading. Mr. Gaines insisted on interrupting with a question and was held to be out of order.

"I did not know I was not in order," Mr. Gaines remarked.

The speaker with some warmth declared that Mr. Gaines had been a member of the house long enough to know that he was not in order.

"It takes a student like the speaker," he retorted, "to know what the rules are, and he has to study them every minute with somebody to prompt him."

"The gentleman from Tennessee," the speaker hotly replied, "is absolutely discourteous and misstates the facts."

By this time both men were thoroughly wrought up.

"The gentlemen from Tennessee," came back Mr. Gaines, "is no more discourteous than the speaker is discourteous to him and the gentleman from Tennessee has not misstated the facts."

Speaker's Dander Up. The chair lapses at all times to be as impartial as he can, but the practice has grown up occasionally for a member on the supposition that the speaker's tongue is tied, to insult him, and the speaker will not submit to it.

"The tongue of the gentleman from Tennessee is tied and he is insulted by the chair. The speaker has done it for twelve years," replied Mr. Cannon.

RIVERS AND HARBORS CARRIES NEARLY TEN MILLION

Authority to Lease and Develop Water Power Stricken Out or Left to States.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The rivers and harbors bill, carrying an appropriation of about \$9,700,000 was passed by the Senate today.

All paragraphs giving authority to the Federal government to develop and lease water power were stricken from the bill, except in the case of the St. Mary's river, by which case it was provided that the consent of Michigan should be obtained before making any such lease.

This action was to maintain the principle that the water power belongs exclusively to the State in which it is located.

Eulogy of Deceased Senator. Eulogies were delivered upon the lives of the late Senator Latimer, of South Carolina and the late Representative Powers, Missouri, Wiley, of Alabama; Meyer, of Louisiana; Brick, of Indiana and Granger, of Rhode Island.

At 5:27 o'clock the Senate adjourned.

NEGRO TROOPS RESTRAINED FROM ENTERING TOWN

Commander Stipulates That They Must Have Passes—Action Follows Attack on Girl.

NEWBERRY ARRIVES.

NAVY SECRETARY SALUTED IN ROADS AND INSPECTS NORFOLK YARD.

NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 27.—The President's yacht Mayflower, having aboard Secretary of the Navy Newberry, arrived at Old Point Comfort today. Mr. Newberry was given the usual salute from both the ships lying in the roadstead and the land batteries at Fort Mifflin.

At the Norfolk navy yard he observed the operation of the recently adopted reorganization plan.

He described Copper's anger and his declaration and told how he, Robinson and Attorney Bradford soothed Duncan Cooper, and made him promise to let friends arrange a peaceable settlement.

Some one was to testify and half an hour before he was called the empty seats began to fill.

Soon one of the biggest crowds of the trial jammed the court room. The throng listened breathlessly.

GOVERNOR TESTIFIES FOR COOPER DEFENSE

Prosecution Declines to Cross Examine Chief Executive After Evidence is Finished.

SAYS COL. COOPER WAS VERY ANGRY

Patterson Saw Defendants on Day of Killing—Advised Son to Keep Close Watch Upon His Father—Persuaded Elder Cooper Not to Send Hot Letter to Carmack.

(By Associated Press.)

NASHVILLE, TENN., Feb. 27.—Two features stood out strongly in the Cooper-Sharpe trial today for the murderer of Former United States Senator Edward W. Carmack.

One was the calling by the defense of Governor M. R. Patterson.

The other was the failure of the state to cross examine him.

It has been generally conceded that—however innocently Governor Patterson was one of the remote causes of the killing, Carmack ran against Patterson for the Democratic nomination and lost.

Colonel Cooper, former patron and friend of Senator Carmack, supported Patterson.

The newspaper fight which began then did not end until the morning of the day of the tragedy.

Throughout the testimony in the case the name of Governor Patterson appeared most continually and insistently.

Governor Bought Cooper. Finally Cooper testified that the governor sought and found him a few hours before the tragedy.

So the defense called the governor today did it reluctantly, some say, gladly according to others.

The governor testified twice, once before the court and again before the jury.

To the court he told how he was called over the telephone by Colonel Cooper's daughter, Mrs. Burch.

What Mrs. Burch told him, he did not say, but it is known that she was in deadly terror and appealed to the chief executive to use his influence to avert a tragedy.

Went to Look for Cooper. Whatever Mrs. Burch said so impressed the governor that he took his private carriage and began a frenzied hunt for Cooper, commencing at 9 a. m., and ending at the Maxwell hotel at noon, where he then found Cooper.

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OPERATIONS LIMITED

House Votes to Curtail Usefulness of Secret Service.

ATTACHED TO APPROPRIATION ACT

Secrets Must Be Kept in Treasury Department, or They Get No Pay—Negro Soldiers Also Carry Their Point

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—Within three hours after it had been reported, the House today, under a suspension of the rules, passed the general deficiency appropriation bill.

The bill provides for the payment of expenses and compensation for the commission to the Tokio Expedition until the first of the present month, but directs that no further expense shall be incurred by the commission unless authorized by Congress.

The determination to limit the operation of the secret service as again evidenced in this bill as the provision for the service stipulates that no part of any money appropriated by this act shall be used in payment of compensation or expenses of any person detailed or transferred from the secret service division of the treasury department for fiscal year 1909, having been employed by crime under said secret service division.

Cost of Extra Session. According to appropriations made in the bill the cost of the extra session will be nearly \$200,000.

The sum for mileage for the members of the House and Senate is \$20,000 and the extra expense of heating and compensation of employes is fixed at \$27,200.

BIG SUIT FILED.

State of Arkansas After Great Packing Corporations.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Feb. 27.—By securing a deputy J. D. Campbell, attorney general, today filed suits against the Cadmus Packing Company, National Packing Company, Jacob Field Packing Company, Swift & Company, Morris Packing Company and the Southern Beef & Provision Company, asking penalties aggregating \$2,500,000 each for alleged violations of the State antitrust laws, last week upheld by the Supreme court of the United States in the case against the Hammond Packing Company.

Former Treasurer Convicted. JACKSON, KY., Feb. 27.—Walker R. Day, formerly State treasurer under Governor Taylor, was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary here today on a charge of forging the name of his uncle, John Day, to a note for \$100.

Day will appeal.

Swift Plant Damaged by Fire. CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 27.—The butcherie plant and storage house of Swift & Company in the stock yards were destroyed by fire today and the herd house was damaged.

The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

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Would it have been possible for anyone to have recognized a man standing near the scene of the killing?

John Sharpe swore that he did. "I do not think so."

The state declined to cross examine (but reserved the right to call the governor later.

This decision followed a long conference at the state's attorney's office and none of them would explain it.

The day's testimony was begun by T. Leigh Thompson, who resumed the stand for a few minutes.

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