

## INDICT 30 OF MEN OF CASH REGISTER CO.

Are Charged With Ruining Competitors by Criminal Methods.

### EMPLOYEES ARE BRIBED

National Officials Accused of Injuring Credits by Libelling Other Machines.

Cincinnati, Feb. 22.—Thirty officials and employees of the National Cash Register company at Dayton, Ohio, were indicted on charges of criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law by a special federal grand jury here today.

Officers of the Cash Register company indicted are: JOHN A. PATTERSON, president, E. A. DEEDS, vice president, G. C. DEGETER, secretary, W. F. BIPPUS, treasurer.

**COMPETITORS DRIVEN OUT.** There are three counts in the indictments and they charge nearly all competitors were bought out or driven out of business, through the bribing of employees of competitors and transportation, telegraph and telephone companies, and injuring the credit of competitors in libelling their machines.

**EXPRESS COMPANY ACCUSED.** The Adams Express company was indicted on 11 counts, charged with attempting to collect more than established rates. Seven Cincinnati manufacturing firms were indicted, charged with attempting to secure transportation lower than established rates.

**BEGINNING OF WAR.** Washington, Feb. 22.—Indictment of the Adams Express company is the first of what probably is to be a series of indictments against various express companies for exacting from shippers more than the published rates.

**TO MAKE EXAMPLES.** No general campaign against the express companies has been instituted by the interstate commerce commission, but the commission proposes through the department of justice to make examples of some companies for alleged violations of law.

**3,000 IN ONE DAY.** During a recent investigation of the operations of express companies Commissioner Lane announced the investigation had developed 3,000 instances of overcharging in a single day.

### LETTER FOUND ON BOY CONFESSES A MURDER

Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 22.—A letter confessing an alleged murder in Republic, Mich., was found on William Perry, aged 17, who, with Leo Powers, two years his junior, was arrested here on a charge of stealing \$1,600 from Powers' brother-in-law at Republic. The letter is addressed to Perry's mother and states young Perry killed a man in a quarrel over a girl at Republic four months ago. Perry declines to discuss the matter.

### Poems Unsold; Seeks Death.

New York, Feb. 22.—Morris Pommeroy Bloom of 321 Second avenue, who was rescued from the East river by a tug's deckhand with a boat hook, said that when he lost work as a cigar-maker he turned to writing poetry. He could not sell his poems, so he jumped into the river.

### Buehler Defendant Freed.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Charles McClain, against whom Violet Buehler made a serious charge, was ordered discharged by the grand jury yesterday. No reason was given, but it is said that there was not sufficient evidence to warrant an indictment.

## SLOW PROGRESS ON TARIFF PLAN

Washington, Feb. 22.—Democratic tariff revision measures will be assigned for hearing before the senate committee on finance as fast as they are sent over from the house. Adoption of this plan by the regular republican leaders is the only progress the senate made in arranging for the disposition of the big tariff problems before congress. Several progressive republicans, including Cummins, Bristow and Bourn, conferred informally over tariff plans. But no definite policy has been formulated by that balance of power part of the republican party in the senate. The democratic senators, equally inactive, are awaiting action by the committee. Hearings on the chemical bill probably will begin the first week in March.

## SCHOOL HISTORIES DON'T TELL ALL ABOUT GEORGE WASHINGTON. HOW HE WAS VILLIFIED IN THANKLESS TASK OF SAVING A NATION



STEPS OF OLD CITY HOTEL, ALEXANDRIA, VA., WHERE WASHINGTON MADE HIS LAST SPEECH

THE measures of our government, which have in part originated and been all been sanctioned by the President, have whirled us along towards despotism with a career as rapid as if our government had erected a turrapike to hurry us to the goal of their wishes. Ever the same.

AN EXAMPLE OF BITTER NEWS PAPER COMMENT ON OUR FIRST PRESIDENT

We think we know George Washington, whose 180th birthday we observe today. But do we? Let's see. He cut down a cherry tree with a hatchet and didn't lie about it. He threw a stone very far across some great river. He surveyed and fought Indians and married a woman named Martha. He was commander of the American forces through the revolutionary war, was our first president, wrote a farewell address and was first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen. The school histories seem to have lost sight of George Washington, the man. They don't tell how Washington stood almost alone in those days after the revolution, when the United States came nearer to destroying itself than England ever did; how he was denounced by the press for the measures his far-sightedness led him to support; and how it was this abuse, chiefly, that finally broke his health and sent him into retirement.

## RATE OPPONENTS IN A CONVENTION

National Woodmen Assembly Opens at Minneapolis With Hundreds of Delegates.

### LOOKS LIKE A BIG FIGHT

John Sullivan, Chairman Law Committee, and a "Regular" Holds Credentials From His Camp.

Minneapolis, Feb. 22.—"Insurgent" members of the Modern Woodmen of America from a number of states of the middle west are in session here today for the purpose of formulating plans to oppose the action taken at a recent meeting of the organization in Chicago increasing the insurance rates. Several hundred delegates are expected to be on hand this afternoon when the first session is held.

**FEAST FOR TONIGHT.** A banquet is to be given tonight by local "insurgents" to the delegates to the national Woodmen assembly, as the protesting organization is known. That there will be a hard fight on the convention floor was admitted by leaders of both factions.

**"REGULAR" ON HAND.** John Sullivan of Kansas City, chairman of the law committee of the Modern Woodmen of America, and a "regular," arrived in the city last night and announced his intention of attempting, at least, to attend the convention.

"I have credentials from my camp," he said, "and I'm going to attend the convention if possible."

**CLAIM RATE EXCESSIVE.** The "insurgent" faction claims the rates adopted at Chicago are excessive. Sullivan, however, declares that in general there is little dissatisfaction with the rates and that the increase is necessary because of legislative action in various states.

**APPOINTING COMMITTEES.** Three hundred "insurgents" were present when the first session was called to order by D. E. Richter of Minneapolis, president, as temporary chairman. The principal work of the afternoon session, according to Richter, is effecting a permanent organization and the appointment of committees.

**KNOX COUNTY PROTESTS.** Galesburg, Ill., Feb. 22.—Fifteen Modern Woodmen camps of Knox county went on record at a meeting here last night against the insurance rates as adopted at the Chicago meeting held recently.

**Pays \$147,500 for Picture.** Berlin, Feb. 22.—At the auction of the collection of old masters belonging to the estate of the late Edward F. Weber, Francois Kleinberger, a prominent art dealer of Paris, gave \$147,500 for the splendid "Virgin and Child" by Andrea Mantegna. It is understood he was acting for an American buyer whose identity is withheld. The Boston museum purchased an altar triptych attributed to Stearns for \$18,000 and an unknown master's "Crucifixion" for \$5,000. The total sale was \$437,500.

**John D. Playing Golf.** Augusta, Ga., Feb. 22.—In spite of occasional bad weather, John D. Rockefeller is seen daily on the golf links. He laughed today when asked about a recent slight cold, when he apparently succeeded in throwing off.

## The Weather

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline, and Vicinity.  
Generally fair tonight and Friday, rising temperature.  
Temperature at 7 a. m. 10. Highest yesterday 25, lowest last night 10.  
Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 10 miles per hour.  
Precipitation none.  
Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 66, at 7 a. m. 83.  
J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

**ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.** (From noon today to noon tomorrow.) Sun sets 5:44, rises 6:42; moon sets 10:25 p. m.; moon at greatest libration east, exposing its face farthest east; moon at ascending node, crossing sun's path upward.

## ATTELL'S FRIENDS PLACING 2 TO 1

Los Angeles, Feb. 22.—Abe Attell, featherweight champion, and Johnny Kilbane of Cleveland were in readiness early today for their 29-round fight at Vernon this afternoon. Attell was the favorite. The odds varied from 2 to 1, to 10 to 8 in Attell's favor.

## CHICAGO SISTERS HOLD \$65,000,000 WILL COPY

Chicago, Feb. 22.—The possession of what is claimed to be a copy of a will made by Nicholas Churchill, son of John Churchill, who died at St. Johns, Newfoundland, leaving \$65,000,000 is thought will prove the heirship of two Chicago women—Mrs. Minnie Smith and Mrs. Ella Gardner, sisters. Both reside at 1022 Sedgewick street.

In the copy of the will which Mrs. Smith has Nicholas Churchill wills his entire estate to his two sisters, Clamond Boland and Elizabeth Halford.

According to Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Boland had three sons, one of whom was father to Mary Boland, who married a man named Mulvey, the father of Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Gardner.

Mrs. Smith for a long time has been endeavoring to prove her right to part of the Churchill fortune, but lack of funds has prevented her from doing anything toward claiming her share of the property.

Both Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Gardner were born in St. Johns, Newfoundland, but later moved to Boston, Mass., where her brother, whom Mrs. Smith says has the original of the will, now lives.

## Taft Places Wreath on Tomb of Washington

Washington, Feb. 22.—President Taft and members of Alexandria-Washington lodge of Masons of which General Washington was first master, journeyed to Mount Vernon this afternoon. President Taft will place a wreath on the tomb of Washington.

**Arrest Aged Banker and Girl.** New Orleans, Feb. 22.—John Bonduant, 60 years old, bachelor president of the Bank of Hammond, La., and looked up to as the "father" of his little community, was arrested in the St. Charles hotel, where he had registered with the 15-year-old daughter of a neighbor as father and daughter. The couple were seen to enter the hotel by Miss Amanda Wilkinson, 50 years old, who, after examining the register, notified the hotel management.

## AID FOR HOUSTON FIRE SUFFERERS

Liberal Contributions of Money, Food and Clothing Are Received in City.

### INSURANCE IS \$4,500,000

Firemen Pour Water Into Smoldering Ruins Throughout Night—Flames Still Sputter.

Houston, Texas, Feb. 22.—Houston will collect \$4,500,000 in insurance on yesterday's fire losses, according to available estimates today. Firemen poured water into the smoldering ruins in the burned area all night, but this morning smoke and flames still sputtered from the debris. In the ruins of a small packing house a great quantity of hams sizzled and fried, and crowds of negroes hurried to assist in its salvage. They took no interest in more spectacular fire scenes.

## BRITISH GOVERNMENT TRIES TO AVERT STRIKE

London, Feb. 22.—The government today opened negotiations for peace in the coal dispute, which threatens to paralyze British trade if 800,000 miners carry out their intention of striking Feb. 29.

## TWO MORE PERSONS SAY CLAIMANT IS KIMMEL

St. Louis, Feb. 22.—In a deposition read to the jury in the Kimmel case today Anson F. Byther, a paper manufacturer of Niles, Mich., testified he saw George A. Kimmel at his mother's home in Niles twice after the time Kimmel is said to have disappeared, which was in 1888. He said he was absolutely sure the claimant is George A. Kimmel. Among other depositions read was one by Charles S. Quincy of Niles, Mich., who identified the claimant as Kimmel.

## ITALY HOUSE DECREES TRIPOLI'S ANNEXATION

Rome, Feb. 22.—Imposing ceremonies marked the reopening of the Italian chamber of deputies today. Premier Giolitti presented a royal decree proclaiming the annexation of Tripoli and asking the house to transform it into law.

## Taft to Answer Col. Roosevelt

Washington, Feb. 22.—President Taft will reply to Colonel Roosevelt's Columbus speech, although he will make no direct attack on Roosevelt, and although administration officials refuse to discuss the latter's Columbus speech, it became known today that the president would answer the speech and present the clear-cut issue between his political creed and that of his predecessor. Taft's answer is to be made in several speeches between now and the last of March.

## RAY IS GIVEN PROTECTION; HAVE RECORD

Copies of Cablegrams Sent to House Reveal Orders "by Direction"

### BELL IS TO BE CALLED

Committee Now Seeking to Ascertain by Whose Authority Action Was Taken.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Copies of official records were transmitted to the house of representatives by the secretary of war, which throw some light upon the charges that Major Beecher B. Ray, paymaster, now stationed at Chicago, was protected from trial by court martial because of political services rendered by him.

The papers, which were said to be missing, were found in some personal effects of General Bell, formerly chief of staff of the army. Members of the house committee on expenditures in the war department, which is investigating the Ray case, assert that these papers are now sent to congress because it has been discovered by officials of the war department that copies of them are in the possession of the committee.

**CABLEGRAMS GIVE LIGHT.** The most sensational disclosure in the voluminous correspondence is contained in copies of cablegrams exchanged between General Bell, while chief of staff, and General Tasker H. Bliss, in command in Manila, showing the pressure brought to protect Major Ray from court martial proceedings.

The records show that Major Ray, when under investigation in the Philippines on charges of signing a false certificate, used a character recommendation from Mr. Taft, then president-elect; that on another occasion Ray was ordered to the Philippines at his own expense by President Roosevelt and that later he was ordered back to the United States at his own expense by General Bell, who called that the order was "by direction."

By whose direction is not disclosed in the record and the committee considers calling General Bell.

After Ray had been on leave from the Philippines before the convention of 1908, General Bell ordered him back to the islands and wrote General Funston at San Francisco that President Roosevelt had directed him (General Bell) to authorize Ray to sail on a Pacific liner.

**PLANS ARE CHANGED.** The record indicates that something changed the plan and that Ray had applied for an extension of leave.

Soon after Ray returned to the Philippines and charges against him resulted in no court martial. On Dec. 19, 1908, General Bell cabled General Bliss: "Will send Monday confidential message. Please decipher personally."

General Bell on Dec. 21, 1908, cabled General Bliss: "Personal and confidential. If possible please meet requirements of discipline in Beecher B. Ray case without reference to court or war department. Will support your action."

Replying to this message, General Bell cabled from Manila on Jan. 2, 1909:

"Referring to your personal and confidential cablegram of Dec. 21, I have no doubt matter may be adjusted satisfactorily, as suggested by you. To prevent further embarrassment I shall in due time recommend transfer from the division of officers concerned."

### ORDERED TO HONOLULU.

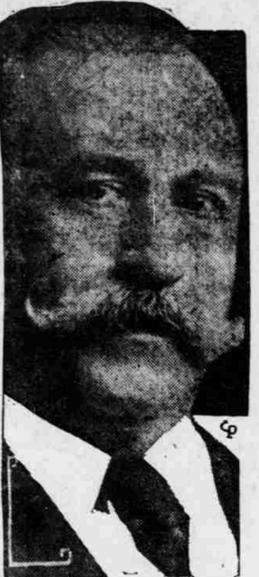
On Jan. 12, 1908, General Bliss cabled to General Bell further stating that Major Ray was under orders and about to sail to Honolulu.

"Paymaster general charges Beecher B. Ray knowingly signed false vouchers," the cablegram read in part. "Recommends appropriate action. Judge advocates general recommends disciplinary measures. The secretary of war directs such disciplinary measures as may be deemed best. Beecher B. Ray under orders to proceed to Honolulu. About to sail to Commercial liner Jan. 16 at his own expense. Orders war department referred to necessitate another investigation, probable trial, general court martial. Will retain Beecher B. Ray accordingly."

General Bell upon finding that there was danger that Major Ray would be brought to trial cabled General Bliss instructions as follows: "With reference to your cablegram of 12th, send direct to me personally all papers relating to three cases mentioned in your cablegram. Further investigation unnecessary at present. Beecher B. Ray to proceed to Honolulu pursuant to orders."

"General Bell seems to have worried, however, as to whether his cable of Jan. 13, 1908, was sufficient. On Jan.

## COLOMBIA RECALLS ITS UNITED STATES MINISTER



GEN. PEDRO NEL OSPINO

Bogota, Feb. 22.—General Ospino, Colombian minister to the United States, was recalled by Colombia this morning. The action of Colombia was taken because neither the government nor the Colombian people upheld the position taken by the Colombian minister at Washington, in notifying the state department that a visit to Colombia of Secretary Knox would be inopportune, owing to the fact that Colombia's claims in connection with Panama have not yet been arbitrated. The notification given by Colombia today says the incident between the countries is thus closed. Colombia, it continues, will maintain its international policy.

29, 1909, he wired Colonel Stephen C. Mills at Manila as follows: "If Tasker H. Bliss absent communicate immediately with him and say my cablegram to him Jan. 13, relating to investigation papers in case of Beecher B. Ray, was not personal, but sent by direction, and if it has not been complied with it should be at once."

In the correspondence are supposed dispatches bearing upon the methods pursued by Major Ray to have his leave of absence extended so that he could remain in this country and participate in the campaign of 1908.

## WILSON AND CLARK WILL DIVIDE A DELEGATION

Oklahoma City, Feb. 22.—Supporters of Woodrow Wilson, at the democratic state convention here today, proposed to the Champ Clark workers that Oklahoma democrats send a divided delegation to the Baltimore convention. No agreement was reached, but it is declared the proposition will not be rejected. Today's convention is a final test of strength between Clark and Wilson in Oklahoma.

The first test of strength came on the election of a temporary chairman by the state central committee. Judge Doyle, a Clark-Harmon advocate, was named by a vote of 29 to 23 over a Wilson supporter.

Kansas City, Feb. 22.—"My hat has been in the ring a long time and my head has been in it," said Governor Wilson of New Jersey here today when his attention was called to Roosevelt's statement last night to W. F. Erick of Cleveland.

### Forger Fails to Enter Prison.

New York, Feb. 22.—Charles W. Bartlett, 88 years old, who has been a forger and swindler for half a century, failed to meet with immediate success in an effort to break into prison. In general sessions he expressed a desire to plead guilty to a \$2,125 forgery. "He says he committed the forgery in order to break into jail," said the old man's attorney. "He wants a place in which to die. I don't think he had any bad intent when he forged the check." Justice Crain ordered a plea of not guilty entered on the indictment.

### Postal Rate Change Opposed.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Protests against a reduction of first class postage and an increase in postage affecting newspapers and periodicals, and also against the censoring of all pure food advertisements, were voiced in resolutions adopted at the annual meeting of the Inland Daily Press association at the Hotel LaSalle Tuesday.

### Gets \$500,000; Remains Maid.

New York, Feb. 22.—Although she recently inherited \$500,000 from her uncle, Hiram Chase of Reno, Nev., Miss Mary Chase, a maid in the employ of Mrs. G. W. Allen of 109 East Fifty-eighth street, said she would not let her wealth change her mode of living. "Mrs. Allen has been very kind to me," Miss Chase added, "and just because I have been fortunate enough to inherit money I'm not going to upset her plans by leaving her."

## MANY CITIES SUFFER WOES OF BLIZZARD

Business Suspended and Schools Abandoned for Day in Michigan.

### BOATS DRIVEN TO SEA

Missouri Pacific Train Still Buried in Snow—Passengers Rescued.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—A blizzard which prevailed in this section yesterday is today raging in Ohio and east to the Atlantic coast. Cleveland reported traffic badly delayed, wires down, and much suffering.

Detroit wired that in some places in Michigan stores were closed and school abandoned, and that while the storm has abated, traffic at present is nearly at a standstill.

On the Virginia coast the worst storm in years is raging. Five steamers were driven ashore in the outer harbor and two scows were blown to sea. No loss of life, however, is reported.

### TRAIN DUG OUT OF DRIFT.

Kansas City, Feb. 22.—Two Missouri Pacific trains, snowed in near Reoca, Kan., yesterday, were dug out during the night. Another train still is stuck near Dexter, Kan. Passengers were taken to town on sleds and lumber wagons by farmers.

### PASSENGERS SUFFER.

St. Louis, Feb. 22.—Hundreds of passengers on the Baltimore and Southwestern trains were held almost 24 hours between Trenton and O'Fallon, Ill., and on the Southern railway between Shiloh and Germantown, Ill., by snow drifts. Reports received here stated the passengers suffered from cold and hunger. Snow in many places is 15 feet deep. Railroads are making strenuous efforts to remove the snow.

### DAMAGE IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 22.—Damage of a half million was done by a 70-mile-an-hour gale over western Pennsylvania last night. Today hundreds of derricks are blown down in the oil fields, wires ripped from poles and trains delayed. At Washington, Pa., the roof was torn from the main building of Washington and Jefferson college and deposited in the street.

### HARD NIGHT ON WIRES.

New York, Feb. 22.—A gale which swept the east last night and this morning attained in New York and vicinity a maximum velocity of 96 miles an hour. The highest previous wind velocity was 83 miles. Telegraph officials say it was one of the hardest nights on wires in the history of the country.

## \$50,000 JEWELS STOLEN GUEST'S ROOM IN A HOTEL

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 22.—A collection of diamonds and pearls valued at \$50,000 was stolen from Mrs. Eugenie DeSaba in her apartments in a hotel here last night. The jewels had been worn at the annual mardi gras ball, a notable society event, at the same hotel, and had been left on a chiffonier by Mrs. DeSaba when she retired.

## BOMBS ARE THROWN BY STRIKING CHAUFFEURS

Paris, Feb. 22.—A number of dynamite bombs were exploded by striking taxicab chauffeurs today in the garages of taxi-motor cab companies which have not accepted the terms of the strikers. Many cars were burned and otherwise damaged.

### Advance on Chihuahua.

San Antonio, Feb. 22.—Gomez today received a telegram dated Columbus, N. M., which says 1,700 rebels and four pieces of artillery were advancing on Chihuahua.

## AMERICAN HELD AS A BERLIN SPY

Berlin, Feb. 22.—The espionage craze which is so prevalent throughout Germany resulted today in the arrest of an American tourist, together with a German companion, by sentries at Fortress Spandau, near Berlin. The arrested men declared they were merely interested in the famous Julius tower, where the imperial war chest containing \$30,000,000 in gold coin is kept so it may be ready for immediate use in case of a sudden mobilization of the German army.

The men were kept in a guard room several hours, during which time they were put through a severe cross examination by officers. They then were released and returned to Berlin.