

HEARST TELLS OF HIS LETTERS

Publisher Is a Witness Before the Senate Sub-Committee Investigating Campaign Contributions.

COPIES OF ARCHBOLD LETTERS TURNED OVER

Witness Says He Obtained Them From John Eddy of London, a Magazine Writer.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 17.—William R. Hearst produced before the senate campaign investigating committee today several new letters bearing upon the alleged political activities of John D. Archbold and the Standard Oil company.

Mr. Hearst testified that he knew nothing as to the incidents related in the letters or the circumstances under which Mr. Archbold might have sent money to former Senator Foraker of Ohio and former Representative Joseph C. Sibley of Pennsylvania, to whom some of the letters were addressed.

The publisher was the chief witness at the committee's short session today. Two of the letters were from John D. Archbold and referred to a projected loan of \$50,000 to Senator Foraker to be repaid by installments.

With the testimony of Mr. Hearst and John Kennedy, the latter a witness called at the request of Senator Oliver to tell of Senator Foraker's connection with the industrial connection, the committee adjourned to meet when recalled by Chairman Clapp.

Chairman Clapp asked Mr. Hearst if he ever saw the originals of the letters published in his magazine. He said he was not certain, but he believed he had only seen the photographic facsimile copies.

"Of whom did you get them?" asked Senator Clapp. Mr. Hearst hesitated a moment. "I am anxious," he began, "to testify very fully to everything that I am personally concerned in and everything of interest to this inquiry. Do you feel that this is essential to the inquiry?"

Senator Clapp replied that the authenticity of some of the letters had been questioned. After members of the committee had insisted on the inclusion of Mr. Hearst's testimony, he got the copies of John Eddy of London, author of four of the articles published in a magazine. He testified he did not know of whom Eddy produced the letters.

Letters Are Produced. Mr. Hearst then produced the several letters and telegrams. The first was from Senator Penrose to John D. Archbold, dated December 4, 1903, at Philadelphia and read in part as follows:

"I have wired Senator Aldrich to make an appointment with him to discuss the matter referred to in your letter."

It added that Senator Penrose himself could meet Mr. Archbold in New York at any time. A letter from John D. Archbold to J. B. Foraker, then Senator from Ohio, expressed the willingness of Mr. Archbold to make a loan of \$50,000. The loan was to bear interest at five per cent and was to be repaid in two installments of \$25,000 each.

Mr. Hearst said he knew nothing of the facts to which any of the letters referred. Another letter was from John D. Archbold to former Representative Joseph Sibley in which he referred to an enclosed certificate of deposit of \$25,000, sent you at the request of Mr. Griscom, the purpose of which you do not understand with him."

Senator Paynter declared the letter from Archbold to Senator Foraker mentioned a loan of \$50,000 but did not say to whom that loan was to be made.

BANK AT KNOXVILLE CLOSES ITS DOORS

Knoxville Banking and Trust Company With Assets of \$1,500,000 Goes to the Wall.

By Associated Press. Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 17.—The Knoxville Banking & Trust company yesterday went into voluntary liquidation. J. W. Green, attorney for the bank, was named as receiver, in response to a bill filed against the bank by Joseph Knapp, Nathan B. Kuhlman, Arthur Groves and Charles H. Bacon, all of whom are directors of the institution. The assets are about \$1,500,000. The capitalization is \$1,000,000 and deposits about \$1,100,000.

W. H. Gass is president of the bank, which was organized in 1888. A warrant was served upon W. H. Gass, president, and W. W. Willis, cashier of the company, charging them with receiving a deposit after having knowledge of the financial embarrassment of the bank. They were examined and made bond for their appearance in criminal court.

WILSON BROADSIDE AT REACTIONARIES

Warns Jersey Voters that Men Who Formerly "Discredited Our Politics" Seek to Regain Control of State—Gives Notice of Unceasing Warfare.

By Associated Press. Trenton, N. J., Dec. 17.—Woodrow Wilson came back to the state house today in a fighting spirit and issued a warning to the voters of the state against politicians who have opposed his progressive policies and who, he said, would again seek to control the state government as soon as he stepped from the governorship. He urged that their plans be blocked at once. "I have been surprised," said the president-elect's statement, "by the numerous inquiries as to whether I would continue to take interest in the political affairs of the state after assuming my duties as president and yet I realize the significance of these inquiries. Last summer I warned the voters of the state explicitly that the men who formerly controlled and discredited our politics were awaiting their opportunity to recover their control and were expecting to do it. What I then said has been abundantly verified by what has happened in the interval. "I am keenly aware that these men

Bankers Urge Congress To Pass the Lever Bill

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 17.—Deserting their counting houses in the interests of agriculture, members of a committee appointed by the Bankers' association of the District of Columbia descended on the senate today to urge the passage of the Lever agricultural extension bill before adjournment Thursday. The bill, which has passed the house, proposes the appointment of a skilled adviser in every agricultural county in the United States to aid the farmer in the proper cultivation of their land. It would appropriate \$3,000,000 to run over ten years, the several states to appropriate a like sum.

THE DEAD NUMBER TEN IN ASHTABULA CRASH

Four More Bodies in Wreckage of Michigan Southern Train.

By Associated Press. Ashtabula, O., Dec. 17.—Seven dead and seven injured was the toll of the wreck here last night when a Lake Shore & Michigan Southern coal train struck a street car. The dead are all residents of this city. All of the injured are expected to recover. Motorman McCutcheon is held by the police.

The bodies of six women have been taken from their wreckage of the street car which was struck at the Center street crossing here last night by a northbound Lake Shore & Michigan Southern coal train. Under the wreckage of 20 loaded coal cars is thought to be the bodies another person. None of the five injured was in a serious condition early today and all will recover.

All of those killed and injured were residents here. Buckling of the train just back of the engine caused the coal cars to pile up to a height of nearly 40 feet. Witnesses say the gates were not lowered, although Conductor Mullen of the car was on the track, frantically signalling Motorman McCutcheon to stop. Engineer D. E. O'Connor and Fireman Herchberger both of Erie, Pa., jumped from their engine after setting the brakes, and neither was injured. The impact of the heavy loaded cars pushed the engine on and portion of a residence, a warehouse and a store near the crossing were demolished.

ELGIN BOARD CHANGES PRICE FIXING METHOD

By Associated Press. Elgin, Ill., Dec. 17.—The most exciting annual meeting in its history, the Elgin board of trade yesterday abolished the practice of 17 years' standing of arbitrarily fixing the price of butter by its quotation committee, and adopted a plan to have the board itself determine prices, based on actual sales.

The action came as the result of a suit recently filed by the government aiming at the dissolution of the board. In its bill the government mentioned the quotation committee as one of the means used by the alleged "butter trust" to control prices.

BIG LUMBER COMPANY ENTERS THIS STATE

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, Dec. 17.—Dickey, Campbell & Company, chartered under the laws of New Jersey, filed papers of domestication with the secretary of state today, naming Black Mountain as the location of its principal office in this state. The company will engage in the lumber business. Its capital is \$100,000. C. C. Dickey, of Black Mountain, is president and Marion E. Foster of Worcester, Mass., is secretary.

PEACE ARMY INTERRUPTED

Turkish Delegates Refuse to Recognize the Hellenic Delegates Unless Greece Signs Armistice.

MEETING ADJOURNED FOR AN ADJUSTMENT

United States Suggested as Mediator in Balkan Tan- gle, but Objections are Offered.

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 17.—An obstacle was encountered early today by the plenipotentiaries of the Balkan allies and of the Ottoman empire who are gathered here with the object of bringing about peace.

The absence of Greece's signature to the armistice protocol was the Hellenic delegates' objection to the armistice. Therefore they were obliged to refer the matter to Constantinople before proceeding with the conference.

The Greek representatives refused to sign the protocol when invited to do so today, pointing out that it would make no practical difference as the allies were united and the decisions reached by the members of the Balkan league would be binding on Greece equally with the other members of the federation.

In speaking today on the subject of foreign mediation in Balkan affairs Svojan Novakovich, the head of the Serbian delegation, said: "The choice of the United States as mediator would be an excellent one. The only fears in this connection are that the distance of the United States from the scene and its lack of knowledge of the different complex problems agitating the Balkan peoples might hamper its action, while an European country would find itself in readier condition, having for years followed the aspirations of the different races constituting the Balkan family."

M. Novakovich, taking everything into consideration, thinks the best man now in Europe to carry out the work of mediation successfully would be Premier Poincare of France, who has paid so much disinterested attention to the Balkan conflagration.

GOVERNOR OF ARKANSAS PARDONS 360 CONVICTS

Wipes Out 3 Entire Camps as Protest Against Lease System.

By Associated Press. Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 17.—Governor George W. Donaghy, who will retire from office January 1, issued pardons yesterday to 316 state and 44 county convicts as a protest against the convict lease system in vogue in this state. As a result three state convict camps will be abolished. Several camps where convicts are engaged in the building of good roads, however, will be continued in operation. The convicts pardoned were serving sentences of from 1 to 15 years.

The governor in a statement explaining his action in issuing the pardons, scored the convict lease system and magistrates who imposed lengthy sentences for trivial offenses.

The governor in his statement which will be presented to the next legislature recites his unsuccessful efforts to have the convict lease system abolished and declares that representations to him by special agents of conditions existing on state and county farms "could scarcely be accepted as truth gotten from officials' documents and personal statements among a civilized people but for the records in the cases."

20 PASSENGERS HURT IN CHOCTAW WRECK

By Associated Press. Chickasha, Okla., Dec. 17.—An unidentified man, who was riding the "blind baggage," was killed and 20 passengers were injured late yesterday when Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific passenger train Nos. 23 and 24 collided head-on at Ninnekah, seven miles south of Chickasha, Oklahoma. Representative-elect T. J. Brown of Oklahoma is among those hurt. His skull was fractured and his forehead badly cut.

SUFFRAGE PILGRIMS IN SLEEPY HOLLOW

By Associated Press. Irvington, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Their ranks reinforced by local enthusiasts, the band of suffragists from New York city resumed their march toward Albany today under a bright December sun.

School children cheered the little army as it left the village, bound through Tarrytown for historic Sleepy Hollow, where the marchers were to be entertained at noon at the Sleepy Hollow Country club. Thence the route led to Ossining for the second night's bivouac, a nine mile trip in all. All the marchers declared themselves refreshed by a good night's sleep and none would admit that she was foot sore.

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PLOT IN PORTUGAL FOR DICTATORSHIP

Troops Under Arms and Ships Cleared for Action After Discovery of Conspiracy to Overthrow the Republic—Part of Army Involved.

By Associated Press. Lisbon, Portugal, Dec. 17.—A plot to establish a military dictatorship in Portugal was discovered last night. Part of the army was supposed to be duplicated. The cabinet was in session all night. Troops were kept under arms and the warships in the harbor cleared for action.

Rumors of an alarming nature spread all over the city and caused great anxiety. It was reported that a large number of conspirators had assembled in the Campo Grande park and were about to come into the city and seize the members of the cabinet. It was also asserted that they intended to occupy the government buildings and declare a new government.

The minister of war, acting under orders of the cabinet, kept certain troops whose loyalty was undoubted under arms. He also called out the whole of the republican guard and the members of the republican political secret service society, known as the carbonarios, who were alarmed.

The minister of marine ordered all the war vessels in the harbor to take up favorable positions and to prepare for eventualities. The night passed, however, without any outbreak, although the greatest unrest was apparent.

SEEK DISSOLUTION OF "LUMBER TRUST"

Eastern States Association Accused of an Illegal Conspiracy.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 17.—Another anti-trust suit took its place on the boards of the district court here today, four judges being assigned to hear arguments in action for the dissolution of the Eastern States Retail Lumber Dealers' association, which, with certain individual defendants, is charged with having formed a combination to restrain trade in violation of the Sherman law.

This suit was filed by District Attorney Wise on May 9, 1911, and since then testimony has been taken before a special master in a number of places. The government is asking for an injunction to prevent the defendants from further combining and conspiring to restrain trade.

COMMITTEE TO MEET BRYAN AT SALISBURY

Indications Are that Large Audience Will Hear His Lecture Here.

On his way to this city to deliver a lecture in the interest of the Odd Fellows orphanage, William Jennings Bryan will be met between here and Salisbury tomorrow morning by a committee of Asheville men, as follows: Hon. Locke Craig, F. M. Weaver, Mayor J. E. Rankin, Col. C. C. Hodges, and Dr. L. B. McBrayer. The party will arrive in Asheville at 10:30 o'clock, and will be met at the station by some of the leading citizens, after which the program of entertainment published yesterday will be carried out.

Indications are that a very large crowd will hear Mr. Bryan's lecture in the Auditorium tomorrow evening. Every effort is being made by the entertainment committee to have as many automobiles and horsemen present at the station as possible, and Dr. A. W. Calloway, the newly elected president of the Asheville Motor club, has issued a call to the members to join in the procession over the city with their cars. Arrangements are being perfected to have the "Governor's Horse Guard" present, and there will be four mounted police on the ground to take care of the crowd.

The first car in the procession will be the big, new seven-passenger machine owned by Tenche Cox. E. C. Sawyer will drive it and those who will ride in this, besides Mr. Bryan, will be Joseph Daniels, Mayor J. E. Rankin, Governor-elect Locke Craig, Dr. L. B. McBrayer and C. C. Hodges. Immediately behind this machine will be others furnished by J. H. Lange, W. F. Randolph, S. A. Lynch (2), J. H. Allport and E. C. Sawyer. These will carry the members of the board of aldermen and directors of the board of trade.

The route which has been mapped out is as follows: Up Southside avenue to French Broad; up French Broad to Haywood street; then out to Montford and along Montford to West Chestnut. Chestnut street will be followed to North Liberty, where a stop of about five minutes will be taken to allow Mr. Bryan to pay his respects to Mrs. Zebulon Baird Vance. After this stop the party will continue out Chestnut to Charlotte street, then to the summit of Sunset mountain. A stop on the return trip will be made at the Groves Park Inn. From this point the procession will come through the heart of the city to the Battery Park hotel, where an informal luncheon will be served.

It was only learned for certain this morning that Joseph Daniels, editor of the News and Observer and one of the strongest friends of Mr. Bryan in his campaign for the presidency, would be here for the occasion. A telegram was sent him by Dr. McBrayer, inviting him to come, and an answer was received in a little while in which he expressed his appreciation for the invitation and said that he will be here.

CAROLINA BOND ISSUE IS TAKEN IN STATE

The \$550,000 Over-Subscribed Four Times—Alex Webb Largest Taker.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, Dec. 17.—North Carolina 30-year four per cent bonds had scores of takers when they were put on the market this afternoon by State Treasurer Lacy, the amount, \$550,000, being over-subscribed four times. Alexander Webb of Raleigh got \$200,000 at a premium of 118 1/2. The remainder of small bidders who offered to take from \$500 to \$5000 of the bonds. Every bond will be held in North Carolina, the only outside firm, a Baltimore house, losing out by a small margin. This concern was represented by W. F. Shafer of Winston-Salem.

MONEY DRAWN TO THE STREET

Statistics Presented to Show How High Rates on Exchange Draw Cash from Interior.

BROKER RECONSIDERS REFUSAL TO ANSWER

Frederick Lewisohn Gives to Pujo Committee Information It Sought Regarding Brokers' Profit

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 17.—The attraction of money from small banks throughout the country to New York city when the money market shows a high rate for loans, was taken up today by the house money trust investigating committee. J. B. Nivens, an accountant for the committee, presented a mass of statistics showing the amount of money held for country banks by 32 New York city banks and trust companies and the amount of money loaned on stock market securities in New York for these country correspondents.

Mr. Nivens' figures showed 191,010 accounts for country banks in the New York institutions. He explained that because the banks would not furnish to him the names of their country correspondents some of the accounts might be duplicated in cases where country banks maintained accounts with more than one New York bank.

In the 32 banks, Mr. Nivens said, on November 1, country banks had on deposit \$483,000,000 and in addition had loaned on New York stock exchange securities \$740,450,000. At that time, he said, the money market was high. On July 1, with money easy, he said the country banks had only \$141,025,000 out in stock exchange loans.

Before Mr. Nivens took the stand, Frederick Lewisohn appeared and replied to certain questions which, yesterday, he declined to answer, in connection with operations in California Petroleum stock and the organization of the California Petroleum company.

"The immigration bill will be passed this week, having been ordered to be considered by a last vote in the house, the majority for that important legislation being four to one.

"The appropriation bills are well on their way. The public building committee will report that bill by January 15. As a member of this committee I have been able to take care of North Carolina satisfactorily. Wayneville gets \$65,000 for a postoffice building, which is more than has ever been allowed for an office of its receipts.

"The patronage question is giving congressmen much concern. Application for postoffice appointments are coming in in great numbers, but it is impossible to obtain any information as to when or how they will be made.

"What view Mr. Wilson will take in regard to Judge Taft's sweeping order in reference to these cases, we have been unable to ascertain, and in my judgment we will not know until sometime after March.

"President Wilson will be forced to give his undivided attention to the formation of his cabinet and getting the various departments in Washington in good running order, so that we can see great delay which cannot well be avoided. Our friends, aspirants for office, will find ample time to file their claims, as no action will be taken for several months. All parties will be given a fair hearing before any decision is reached.

"The ways and means committee will begin hearings on tariff schedules in January in order to report the bill or bills immediately when the special session convenes. The consensus of opinion is that the tariff law will be revised by schedules."

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION IS NAMED BY PRESIDENT

Men Selected to Investigate Relations of Labor and Capital

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 17.—President Taft today sent to the senate nominations of the nine members of the industrial commission created by congress to investigate relations between labor and capital. The men named were:

Representing the people—Senator George Sutherland of Utah, George B. Chandler, member of the Connecticut legislature; Charles Simon Barrett of Georgia, president of the Farmers' union.

Representing capital—Frederick A. Delano of Chicago, president of the New York, merchant and philanthropist; P. C. Schwedman of Missouri, an electrical engineer.

Representing labor—Austin D. Garretson of Iowa, president of the Order of Railway Conductors; John B. Lennon, treasurer of the American Federation of Labor, and James O'Connell of the District of Columbia, vice president of the same organization.

The commission will choose its own chairman. Are Found in Excavation on Peninsula South of San Francisco by Prof. Heath

By Associated Press. Stanford University, Cal., Dec. 17.—Recent excavations indicate that the peninsula south of San Francisco once was inhabited by a race of giants. Prof. Harold Heath of Stanford university, according to a statement given out today, has unearthed, about two miles south of here, several skeletons of men who were of unusual height. A prehistoric village covering nearly two acres has been the scene of Prof. Heath's investigations.

Indicted Under the Mann Act

By Associated Press. New Orleans, Dec. 17.—Federal court officials yesterday declared their belief that when two men and two women, indicted by the United States grand jury yesterday on charges of conspiracy and violations of the Mann statute, are brought to trial here for wholesale importations of women from Chicago to (the city) will be the case.