

JURORS CHARGE U.S. ATTORNEYS WITH TRYING TO COERCE

Charges Filed Against Them In Okla. Land Fraud With Dept. of Justice

ROOSEVELT AND HEARST BACK OF CASE

Scandal Assumes Grayer Proportions Than Ever Before as Result of Recent Events

(By Associated Press.) TULSA, Okla., May 18.—Charges against District Attorney Gregg and Sylvester R. Rush, special assistant to the attorney-general, made today by the defense in the Muskogee town lot fraud cases, were forwarded to the department of justice at Washington on the suggestion of Judge Marshall, who is hearing the trial.

Judge Marshall refused to act on the petition of the defense asking that Gregg be prevented from trying the case. The petition alleges that improper influences had been brought to bear on the grand jury, which was discharged last Saturday, as the result of charges made by Mr. Gregg.

The court has paid no attention to the charges in Gregg's motion but had discharged the grand jury because of the right of the government to change a grand jury when it so desired.

Charges against Gregg should be filed with the department at Washington where he was appointed. The court did not comment upon the petition of the discharged grand jurors.

Jurors Sign Charges. One of the petitions presented is signed by nine members of the grand jury that was discharged last Saturday by Judge Marshall upon motion of District Attorney Gregg who asserted that the jury had been subjected to improper influences.

This petition alleges that Gregg and Rush, in their efforts to intimidate and coerce the jury to return indictments against Governor Haskell and the other defendants regardless of and contrary to proof presented, and to proceed; that he stated that he then petitioned the court to investigate the juror allegations.

The motion of District Attorney Gregg, disputing the charges of improper influence, this response alleges that Gregg has used 'The Tulsa'

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DEMOCRATS READY TO VOTE NOW SAYS SENATOR SIMMONS

Recalcitrant Element in Republican Ranks Delays Tariff Bill He Declares

SOME SCHEDULES ARE SLIGHTLY REDUCED

But Others Are Immediately Increased By The Finance Committee

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, May 18.—Senate summary: After devoting the greater part of the day's session to debate the senate passed upon a number of important committee amendments to the tariff bill. It also disposed adversely of an amendment by Mr. Stone restoring the Dingley rates on razors. On that vote most of progressive republicans reported in the affirmative with the democrats.

Mr. Simmons of North Carolina, while speaking in support of the contents made by Mr. Stone relative to the price of imported razors, said that the democrats were ready to vote on the tariff bill at any time, and that it was the recalcitrant element of the republican party which was delaying the measure.

He added that any attempt to make the people believe that the democrats were filibustering was not justified by the facts.

Revision downward was shown in the adoption of several schedules on steel or iron products, and the 'insurgents' and democrats seemed to be overjoyed at the tendency downward, and Mr. Beveridge sat up and smiled and then, as a shock, came a new amendment increasing the rate from ten as formerly recommended by the committee to fifteen cents per pound, and there was a general laugh at the expense of the chairman of the committee on finance who was called upon to explain the change of direction of the rates he was reporting.

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The bill was considered up to the wood schedule and Mr. Aldrich suggested that tomorrow the senate should proceed to dispose of the paragraphs in the schedules A, B, C, which on the present second reading have been passed over.

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SPRECKLES TELLS HIS CONNECTION WITH GRAFT CASES

Employed Henny And Paid Private Office Rent For Him For Months

DISCLOSES ONE OF RUEF'S SLICK PLANS

Under Fire of Insinuations From Defense Lawyers Keeps Cool And Confident

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Rudolph Spreckles, millionaire, whose name has been blazed in the record of every day's proceeding in the trial for bribery of President Patrick Calhoun, of the United railroads, begun more than five months ago, was a witness again today.

Through a cross examination replete with stinging inferences and insinuations he sat undisturbed, disclosing the innermost secrets of the great prosecution, reciting the substantial payments he has made to its officers and agents and disclaiming utterly the motives imputed to him by Attorney Earl Rogers, who conducted the inquiry for the defense.

Late in the day Mr. Spreckles was excused until tomorrow with the understanding that he would produce in court his personal account of the many thousand dollars he admitted he had expended in behalf of the graft prosecution.

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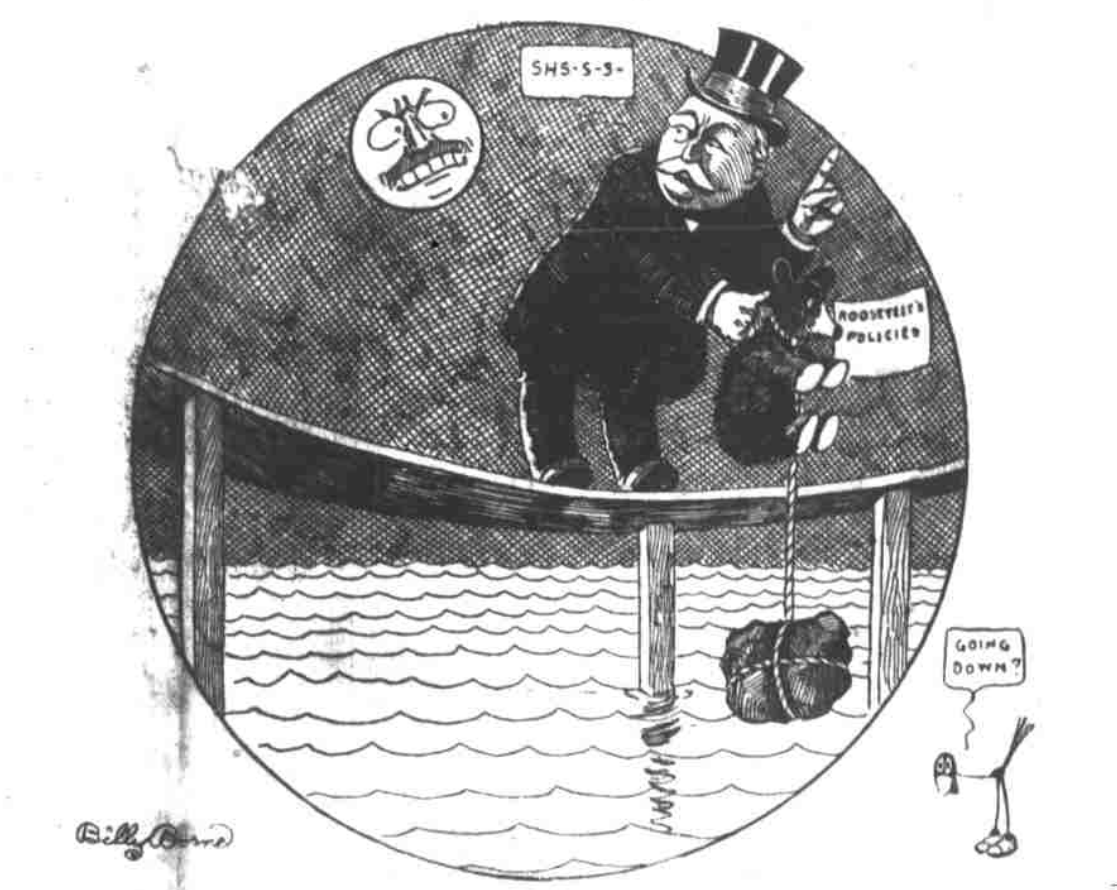
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Will He Drop It?



ASHEVILLE AUTO PARTY IN WRECK, ESCAPE WITH BUT FEW INJURIES

Mr. J. E. Rumbough's Machine Tumbles Over an Embankment Near Greenville, S. C., Throwing Occupants Into Ditch; Sprains and Bruises Only Damage Done To Members of The Party.

The party of Asheville people who left here to motor down to attend the Greenville horse show met with a serious accident near the small village of Lima, about nineteen miles from Greenville at 2.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. While none of the party was hurt seriously, that any of them escaped maiming or worse is little short of a miracle.

Mr. J. E. Rumbough driving his touring car in which were Dr. and Mrs. Charles S. Jordan and Mrs. Reynolds. All went well until the party reached Lima. There at a sharp bend in the road the steering gear of the touring car broke and the huge machine took a header over a precipitous embankment, landing the occupants of the car in a heap at the bottom of a ditch.

When they had extricated themselves from their entanglement with each other, fortunately they were thrown clear of the car—they took an inventory of their injuries and were very much surprised to find themselves all there.

ROBBERS LOOT EXPRESS CAR ON SOUTHERN NEAR AUGUSTA AND GET AWAY

Knock Messenger Senseless and Imprison Him In Chest; Rode Into City. GOT LITTLE MONEY.

(By Associated Press.) AUGUSTA, Ga., May 18.—Two robbers boarded passenger train No. 11 at Warrenton, S. C., ten miles out to night, got the drop on express messenger Thomas L. Hotta, knocked him senseless with a piece of rubber hose, pinioned his arms behind his back, took the keys, threw him into an empty express car, kicked him there and ransacked the car at will. The train makes up at Branchville and carries through express and mail from Charleston and Columbia to Augusta. E. C. Burrell, agent of the Southern Express company at Augusta, states that the robbers secured about \$200. This is the first time on record that the express has been of such small amount. The average currency express thereon is \$2,500 to \$10,000.

The robbers rode into Augusta and left the train at Broad street, in the center of the city. No one on the train knew of the incident and the robbery was not discovered until the messenger was liberated at the union station, negro porters who were engaged in unloading the express having located the imprisoned man by his vigorous kicking within the box.

(By Associated Press.) PITTSBURGH, May 18.—Testimony seeming to indicate that the alleged wire tapping operations against the Western Union Telegraph company had been going on for about five years was added today at the hearing of E. B. Saylor, former superintendent of the company who is alleged to be connected with the giving of Chicago board of trade grain quotations to divers persons who should not have received the reports.

Isaac N. Barbo, former general wire and repeater chief of the Western Union and William H. Smith and William H. Thompson, brokers of this city, were also given a hearing on charges growing out of the alleged wire tapping operations and all were held for court on \$2,000 bail. Barbo did not secure the necessary bond and was committed to jail.

Barbo today testified for the prosecution and told of sums of money that he and Joseph Crozier, line foreman of the company and J. W. Prier, manager of the commercial news department received from a brokerage firm of this city to furnish market quotations to the firm.

Crozier testified that when several local brokers could not get the wires from the Chicago board of trade, tap, per here, they secured the quotations from tapped wires at Buffalo, Hammond Ind., and other points.

KEROSENE EXPLODES; BURNS PROVE FATAL

(By Associated Press.) GREENSBORO, N. C., May 18.—While starting a fire with kerosene oil in a cook stove at the home of H. B. Tatum today, a five gallon can exploded, and Nellie Graves, a colored servant, was burned so badly that she died tonight. The kitchen of the Tatum home was destroyed by fire.

PETERSBURG IN GALA ATTIRE FOR THE COMING OF PRESIDENT TAFT TODAY

City Full of Visitors Who Have Flocked Thither to See Great Ones. DEDICATE MONUMENT

(By Associated Press.) PETERSBURG, Va., May 17.—With a promise of fair weather, with train loads of visitors coming into the city almost every hour, and every detail of the impending exercises, Fort McIntosh a three lunch and lawn party at Centre Hall mansion completed.

Petersburg is ready for President Taft Governor Stuart, Governor Swann, Ambassador Jones and Admiral Sikes and the many other distinguished persons whom she will have as her guests tomorrow. Every hotel, boarding house, and many private residences are packed with visitors not only from past congresses to Petersburg, but many state and cities at a distance.

The monument to be erected at Fort McIntosh by descendants of Northern and Southern generals who took part in the great civil war, a defense of Petersburg is one of the most expensive and imposing ever erected in the South by Federal veterans. The monument and statue will be dedicated with elaborate ceremonies, President Taft, Governor Swann and Governor Stuart being scheduled for speaker.

The ceremonies of Fort McIntosh will begin about 10 o'clock tomorrow morning and will shortly after noon, President Taft and his party will then be driven into Petersburg, escorted by 2,000 men in Federal and Confederate uniforms, militia bands, civilian organizations, regular army soldiers, and the Petersburg fire department.

Compliments in the escort will be one hundred of Virginia's leading and wealthiest business men, attired in black derbies, white breeches and black leggings. All of them will be mounted on their horses which have taken blue ribbons at horse shows and fairs.

TARIFF STIRS UP FINE LITTLE WRANGLE AMONG THE MANUFACTURERS

Resolution Favors Tariff Adjustment But Not Tariff Reduction. PRESIDENT CHOSEN

(By Associated Press.) New York, May 18.—Tariff technicalities almost involved the national association of manufacturers in a wrangle this afternoon after the presentation of the committee on tariff and reciprocity by its chairman, H. E. Miles, of Racine, Wis. Discussion followed during which E. B. Dean of Annapolis, declared that "it is most unfortunate that the question of tariff revision should be forced on the association." He said that he objected to a general lowering of duties and did not look with favor on the creation of a permanent tariff commission. Such a body, he said, would only prolong national anxiety and slow tariff making.

The report was finally adopted with the recommendation that the association go on record as favoring tariff adjustment but not necessarily tariff reduction. Adjournment was then taken until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

E. R. Bueck secretary of the American Anti-boycott association, severely arraigned the boycott, among other "objectionable" features of organized labor and said that law and common sense "take two best friends."

The committee on interstates commerce presented a report emphasizing the folly of recent anti railroad legislation in many of our states, and especially the arbitrary "two-cent-a-mile" act.

Speaking of the tariff revision the committee deplores national extravagance as the cause for the hundred million dollar deficit and the consequent necessity of increased taxation. It suggests that the duties on crude materials and steel might safely have been further reduced to the advantage of the general manufacturing interest.

John Kiersey jr., of Dayton, Ohio, was the unanimous choice of the nominating committee as a candidate for president of the association to succeed James W. Van Cleave.

THOUSANDS THROUGH STREETS AT QUEEN CITY FESTIVITIES

Estimated That Fully Two Hundred Thousand People Will Be There Thursday

OPENING EXERCISES BEGAN YESTERDAY

Today Governor's Day Will be Featured by Continuous Round of Ceremonies

(Special to The Citizen.) CHARLOTTE, May 18.—Although the Mecklenburg celebration proper does not begin until noon tomorrow, the Queen City is thronged with visitors and every incoming train brings additional loads of humanity from all sections of the South. It is expected that fully two hundred thousand strangers will be in Charlotte next Thursday, the president's day. The city is ablaze tonight with illuminated arches and thousands of incandescent lights, the latter being strung over the principal streets of the city. The municipal buildings and business houses are profusely decorated with bunting and electrical displays. An exhibition drill by the Charlotte fire department and field maneuvers by a troop of the Seventh United States cavalry were the features of today's program, followed by a concert by the band of the Eighteenth United States infantry tonight.

Tomorrow will be governor's day and Governor Kitchin of North Carolina will be the host for the occasion. In the afternoon Governor Kitchin and the visiting governors and lieutenant governors of the Southern states will make addresses at the fair grounds and in the evening the state's chief executive will receive at the home of Mr. C. W. Tillet, the visiting executives and the public generally.

Over three thousand invitations have been sent out and the reception is expected to be one of unprecedented magnitude.

Thursday President's Day. President Taft and his party will arrive Thursday morning on a special car attached to No. 37, which is due to reach Charlotte at ten o'clock. At North Charlotte the presidential special will be met by a delegation of prominent citizens and escorted to the Selwyn hotel. At noon an escort comprising of the Eighteenth United States regiment band, a delegation of Union and Confederate soldiers, the United States troops and Mrs. Stone-wall Jackson will lead the president to the big reviewing stand on Tryon street, where he will review the military and industrial parade.

After luncheon at the Selwyn, the president will return to the reviewing stand where he will deliver an address. Following this feature he will be escorted to Biddle university, the college for negroes, where he will deliver an address to the colored people.

In the evening he will hold a public reception in the parlors of the Selwyn and at 10 o'clock will board a special train on the return to Washington.

The streets are alive with people tonight and every train into the city is crowded with visitors. The prediction of one hundred thousand visitors by Thursday is conservative.

FELL DOWN DEAD AS HE RAISED GUN TO FIRE

Two Men Try to Intimidate Automobilist; One Dies Of Excitement.

(Special to The Citizen.) SHELBY, May 17.—On Saturday evening last Dr. and Mrs. T. E. McFrayser while out in their automobile had a very remarkable experience at the hands of two men in a buggy. When the automobile met the buggy, they stopped the machine and asked the buggy to pass. The men in the buggy refused to do this, getting out of the buggy at once. One man held the buggy while the other started to raise a gun but fell over on the ground unconscious.

Dr. McFrayser exerted every effort to save the man but proved unsuccessful as the man died within an hour.

It is thought that this act was due to the prejudice in that community against automobiles.

DISTRIBUTING PLUMS. WASHINGTON, May 18.—Late this afternoon the president sent to the senate the nomination of William Williams, of New York, to be commissioner of immigration at the port of New York.

President Taft also sent to the senate today the nomination of Walter E. Clark, a Washington newspaper man, as governor of Alaska to succeed Governor Hoggatt, resigned.

UNION TO ELIMINATE NEGRO FROM RAILROADS

Strike on Georgia Road is First Step in General Plan Says General Manager.

(By Associated Press.) ATLANTA, Ga., May 18.—That an organized movement to eliminate negroes as industrial factors in railroad work in the South is under way was the statement made today by Thomas K. Scott, general manager of the Georgia railroad. Last night between fifty and seventy-five white firemen of the Georgia railroad struck because the road refused to dismiss its negro firemen.

This strike, said Mr. Scott, is the first step of a movement which is planned to eventuate in the abolition of the negro as an industrial factor. It is the skirmish of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers in its plan to drive the negro out of employment on railroads altogether.

The plan has been smoldering for five years. This strike on the Georgia railroad is just the first step. I have reason to believe that the same demand will in time be it soon of late, be made by officials of this firemen's union upon every other railroad in the south.

A Burgess, assistant grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and A. P. Kelly, of Chicago, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, arrived today and conferred with local firemen regarding the strike of firemen on the Georgia railroad.

Second Vice-President Ball, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, gave out a statement tonight in which he charges that the plans of the white firemen out on strike are being filed with negro firemen.

The officials of the railroad announced that the strike has not affected the operation of trains in the slightest degree.

GOV. DECLARES PART OF BILTMORE STATE FOREST

(Special to The Citizen.) CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 18.—By virtue of chapter 89, public laws of 1909, Governor Kitchin declares all lands of George W. Vanderbilt lying above the contour line of 2,000 feet above the sea level in the counties of Buncombe, Transylvania, Haywood and Jackson a 'state of forest of North Carolina.' The proclamation says that after this notice has been published in three consecutive issues of newspapers in each of these counties, that the said lands are state lands for a term of thirty years, provided the owner carries out the provisions of the law, which gives the governor of North Carolina a right to so declare a state forest.

SCOURING COUNTRY FOR NEGRO RAVISHER

(By Associated Press.) ALBANY, Ga., May 18.—Two hundred men are scouring the country surrounding Albany in search of a negro who attacked the sixteen-year-old daughter of Ed Strickland, night watchman at the Albany foundry and machine works, in the northeastern part of the city this evening.

The girl was dragged from the road into a field and the negro threatened that if she related him he would go to her home in the night and burn up the whole family while they slept.

She succeeded in getting away from him, however, by struggles and screaming and hurried to tell her father of what had happened.

If the negro is caught tonight a lynching will no doubt follow in short order.



SHOWERS

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Forecast for North Carolina. Partly cloudy, local rains in west portion Wednesday; Thursday local rains light to moderate northeast and east winds.