

SMALL FIGHTS AGAINST TRIAL

Governor of Illinois and Banker Are Charged With Embezzlement.

Waukegan, Ill., Dec. 5.—Governor Len Small and Vernon Curtis, Grant Park, Ill., banker today opened their fight against trial under the conspiracy, embezzlement and confidence game indictments returned at Springfield by the Sangamon county grand jury last July.

Before becoming Governor Small served two terms as state treasurer. It was during his first term in the treasurer's office that the alleged embezzlement started, and continued through the year period of his term in office, through the term in the treasurer's office served by Lieutenant Governor Sterling and up to last January, according to the contention of prosecution.

Small's home is in Kankakee, Ill. The Curtis Bros., successful small town bankers, made their headquarters in Grant Park, a few miles from Kankakee. They owned a string of twenty-three banks throughout the State. Curtis and Small were close business and political associates.

The State will attempt to show that, when Small became treasurer, he deposited \$10,000,000 of the State's funds in the Grant Park bank, a private institution organized and owned by the Curtis Bros. This bank, the prosecution contends did not do a regular banking business. The State will attempt to show that it was organized merely to handle loans of State money.

Small's defense is determined to show the bank was a regular, legitimate banking institution.

On receiving the State's money, for which the only security given was a certificate of deposit, the Grant Park bank is alleged to have negotiated a loan to Armour & Company and Swift & Company, Chicago, for a total of \$1,000,000 worth of their short-term notes, on which the packers paid about 7 per cent interest. The bank, in turn, is alleged to have paid the State only between 2 and 3 per cent for the use of the money, giving an alleged profit of approximately 4 per cent to the bank.

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The Grant Park bank held the securities until the first of this year when Edward Miller became treasurer. Miller refused to accept the certificate of deposit from the Grant Park bank as sufficient security for the State's loan. A new law regulating private banks in the State had become effective. The Grant Park bank had failed to come under the law, and automatically should have been forced out of the banking business, the prosecution contends.

GOVERNOR GETS NOTES.

When Miller made his protest to Governor Small, the Governor hurriedly trip to Grant Park, obtained the Swift & Armour notes and deposited them in the State Treasury. A grand jury investigation was started and the packers immediately took up the loan.

Evidence was presented to the grand jury under the direction of Paul Mortimer, State's attorney for Sangamon county. After considering this evidence for several weeks in the grand jury room of the courthouse, where William Lincoln, State's attorney, and the banker were returned. A few months before the grand jury investigation started, one of the Curtis brothers died and Vernon had taken charge of the business.

When the indictments were returned, the Governor left Springfield and spent some time in Chicago, Kankakee and in touring the roads of Illinois. He was not arrested, however. His attorneys asked Judge Ernest Smith to squash the indictments on the ground that the chief executive of the State should not be subject to arrest.

"Illinois has no King," the court held in declaring Small could not be arrested. The Governor was taken into custody and posted a personal bond of \$50,000. A change of venue to Waukegan was taken when Small's attorneys held the Governor could not obtain a fair trial in Sangamon county, in which county Springfield is located.

Edward Brundage, Attorney General of Illinois, is understood to have been back of the prosecution and directed its activities. Brundage and Small are members of different factions of the Republican party in Illinois. Small being in the following of Mayor William Hale Thompson, of Chicago, while Brundage was a supporter of the former Governor Frank O. Lowden.

During the last Legislature, Governor Small vetoed a large appropriation for Brundage's office. The Governor and his friends contend this veto, together with other enemies from traction interests and "big business," are behind the prosecution.

Actual presentation of the evidence at the trial will be in charge of James H. Wilkerson, former United States district attorney of Chicago. He will be assisted by State's Attorney Mortimer.

The Governor's defense will be conducted by a large staff of attorneys headed by Joseph Pifer, former Governor of Illinois, and D. C. LaForge, a prominent attorney of Decatur.

RIP MAJOR LEAVES TO BECOME COACH

Much enthusiasm has been raised among the alumni of Wofford College over the appointment of J. P. (Rip) Major, Charlotte automobile salesman, as director of athletics at the South Carolina institution.

Major has signed a contract for two years and is expected to report for his work in a short time. He will begin by coaching the basketball team this winter.

In 1919 Major coached Wofford football and put out one of the best teams that has ever represented the Old Gold and Black. For the last two years Major has been in business here, but has officiated at some of the biggest gridiron contests in the Carolinas and Georgia. Major's athletic career began at Clemson and ended at Auburn. He took part in all major sports and was star in baseball and football. He is said to have played every position on a football team with one exception. In his last year at Auburn he was named all-Southern tackle.

Before coming to Charlotte about a year ago Major was in business in Rock Hill, S. C. During his stay here he was interested in civic, as well as athletic endeavors. He was one of the charter members of the Charlotte Civic Club.

SOUTHERN HEAD COMING TO CITY

President Fairfax Harrison to Crown Southern's Masonic Meeting Here.

An event unique in the annals of Masonry and also in the history of the Southern Railway system will take place here next Monday, December 12, when President Fairfax Harrison of the Southern Railway, himself a Mason of high degree, is to be here with, perhaps, a thousand other employees of the Southern system to participate in a joint communication of Excelsior, Joppa and Phalanx lodges, A. F. & A. M.

It is expected that there will be something like 1,000 employees of the Southern system here for the big event, many of them from the highest officials of Lines East of the Southern Railway, which center here. Every rank of official from President Harrison down to trainmen, engineers, conductors, maintenance and way men and in all other departments are represented in Masonic circles.

What is most unique of all, however, is the fact that a degree team of Charlotte Masons, all employees of the Southern Railway offices here, will be in Temple here on the night of December 12. The team consists of J. C. Squires, worshipful master; S. C. McCall, senior warden; T. C. Allen, junior warden; A. B. Bissett, treasurer; F. Taylor, secretary; L. O. Puckett, senior deacon; S. Morris, junior deacon; W. H. Harper and E. H. Rector, stewards; E. C. Todd, chaplain and W. J. Polk, Tyler.

Under the following names are listed in the pamphlet of announcement: L. O. Puckett, J. D. Klatz, J. C. Parrish, T. D. Kemp, J. P. Miller, W. J. Kimmel, E. R. Rector, P. L. Ritch, E. B. Underwood, R. H. Graham, J. Bradley, E. C. Todd, T. B. Yancey, and J. B. Lamb.

In addition to the fact that all the representatives of the degree and fellowcrafts team are employees of the Southern, the candidate to be initiated on the Southern Railway is an employee of the Southern Railway, Claude Alexander Simpson, a fellowcraft of Joppa Lodge.

All the employees of the Southern who are coming are Master Masons and Master Masons here are cordially invited to attend the event. The candidate to be initiated on the occasion from Washington is Monday morning.

A letter went out Monday morning from the office of R. E. Simpson, general manager here of Lines East of the Southern Railway, extending the invitation to "Southern Railway Master Masons' Night" at the Masonic Temple. The meeting will be held in the Scottish rite room of the Masonic Temple here—this one of the few edifices of its kind and elaboration in the South.

Supper will be served the visitors in the dining room of the Temple at 7 o'clock on Monday evening. The conferring of the degree on Candidate Simpson will take place in the Temple at 8 o'clock.

The local committee of Southern men arranging the affair is composed of R. E. Simpson, chairman; W. C. Hudson, F. Kaderly, and J. B. Akers, all connected with the "lines east" offices of the Southern here.

In part, the letter of invitation says: "My Dear Sir and Brother: I take pleasure in handing you herewith a formal invitation to Southern Railway Master Masons' Night, which will be held in Charlotte Monday evening, 12th inst. and hope that you will find it convenient to be with us. It will be noted in the accompanying circular that every chair and station will be filled by Southern employees, and all those participating in the work including the candidate, are employees of the Southern Railway system located in Charlotte. Further, that the president of the Southern Railway system, Brother Fairfax Harrison, will be our guest of honor."

"I understand the employees of no other concern in the country have ever staged a like fete.

"We expect to have with us on this night one of the largest, if not the largest, gatherings, that ever sat in a blue lodge in Charlotte, as in addition to the great number of officers and employees in this territory who are Master Masons, there will be several from distant points, such as Washington, Atlanta, New Orleans, Memphis, Cincinnati, St. Louis, and other places, who will be present."

The Chamber of Commerce plans to arrange a luncheon or some other entertainment in honor of President Harrison and some of the high officials of the Southern who are expected here. Consideration is being given to this idea now, but announcement is not ready to be made as to definite plans.

A. R. P. MINISTERS IN MONTHLY MEET

Associate Reformed Presbyterian ministers of the city and county held their regular monthly meeting Monday morning in the office of Dr. W. W. R. in the Realty building. President, Rev. E. F. Griffith, called upon Rev. W. B. Lindsay to discuss the mountain development at Bonclarken which has just been undertaken by agencies of this denomination.

Mr. Lindsay gave a brief review of the development of the mountain region and the recent directors' session at Bonclarken when lots aggregating \$100 in value were sold to prospective buyers. He went into detail of the plans for making Bonclarken one of the most notable Summer assembly grounds in the South and the hope that the promoters of this resort would be able to cooperate with others already established, notably Montreat near by, by which together they might be able during the Summer months to bring some of the most eminent Bible lecturers and scholars in the world to these two assembly grounds.

The general theme of the meeting hinged around the question of Christmas preaching. Dr. R. White read a paper on the subject of "How to Prepare for Christmas" and Dr. R. Miller presented some thoughts on "My Theme for a Christmas Sermon."

It was decided to hold union service of all A. R. P.'s in the city and county the first Sabbath in January, to be known as the annual "New Year's of the Lord's Supper." The first of these meetings will be held at the First A. R. P. church January 1.

NAVAL BLIMP LANDS SAFELY AT CAPITAL

Washington, Dec. 5.—Naval "blimp" C-17, the first airship inflated with helium, the non-explosive gas discovered by the Navy Department during the war, arrived over Washington today and landed at the Navy aviation station at Anacostia, a suburb, for inspection by Naval officers.

The ship left Hampton Roads this morning and made quick time to Washington. On her arrival over the city, she cruised at a low altitude over the Navy Department building.

The C-7 contains in her huge star envelope practically the world's available supply of the new gas.

PLANS TO MAKE GAME LAW RIGID

Matthews Would Make it Against Law to Kill Quail for Five Years.

W. H. Matthews, leaving Charlotte Monday for Raleigh to attend the special session of the Legislature, said that if local game laws come up for any additional legislation at all, he would make an effort to have a law passed which would forbid the killing of quail in this county for a continuous period of five years.

Mr. Matthews was cognizant of the statement made by Senator DeLaney that if the amended laws as passed by the recent Legislature were intended to make it legal for hotels, restaurants and cafes to serve quail, he would see to it that the law was changed again to read as it did prior to the insertion of this amendment at the last session of the Legislature.

Mr. Matthews declared that he had been approached by many farmers who thought they ought to be entitled to a voice in the framing of any game law in this county. He said he would reach their fields and inasmuch, also, as it is the farms of the county which are aided by these insect-destroying game. And these farmers, Mr. Matthews insisted, had asked him to pass a law which would make it illegal for anybody, either from the city or county, under any pretext whatsoever, to kill a partridge within the limits of the county for a period of five years.

Farmers believe, said Mr. Matthews, that with the coming of the boll weevil, quail will be indispensable to the cotton growers by reason of their livelihood on cotton as the birds live in that room and range in the fields and some experts have contended that if there were partridges enough in the South, the boll weevil would never have "made such headway" as it has.

Mr. Matthews is prepared to introduce a bill to this effect if any effort is made to tamper with the laws as they now relate to the preservation of game in this county. He said when he left here, that the Legislature would not likely take some such private matters as this, but in the event that the proposition was agitated at reach this item on its calendar at the morning session.

C. C. Hook, architect, will present plans which he has drawn for the remodeling of the building, calling for the addition of two wings, one on either end of the courthouse, extending back almost to the driveway running parallel with the Cramer properties.

The first floor of the east wing will be devoted to the enlarged offices of the register of deeds and the second floor will be utilized in an extension of the present court room. This room will not only be greatly expanded, but it will be improved otherwise through the cutting of additional windows.

The other wing will be utilized, on the ground floor, by the treasurer's office and equipment and the second floor will be occupied by other present occupants of the courthouse.

In addition to these additions, some other interior changes will be made to the building and the complete structure renovated from top to bottom with new paint and retouching of the walls.

The improvements contemplated are the result of an agitation started largely by the officers of the court. Judge F. Bis Ray and Solicitor George W. Wilson. Judge Ray took the matter up where Judge W. F. Harding left it off, the latter having indicated several months ago that it was necessary for the county to move toward a better and bigger courthouse structure. Judge Ray, two months ago, instructed the grand jury to present papers against the board unless action was taken at once looking to the building of a new courthouse.

Chairman McLaughlin and other members of the board held that it would be unwise and impossible to undertake at this time the building of a completely new courthouse. It would have required a half million dollars, according to their estimates, whereas the expenditure of not more than \$75,000, it is believed that ample room can be afforded and the building so rehabilitated that it will serve the purposes of the county for many years.

SPARTA STORES BURNED. Sparta, Ga., Dec. 5.—General merchandise stores of B. M. Bradford, Thomas Dixon and Oliver Cain in the Silver block on Spring street were practically destroyed by fire early today, causing an estimated loss of \$150,000, with small insurance.

DEATHS—FUNERALS. Asheville, Dec. 5.—William C. Garrison, 86, died at 12:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon at his home near Alexander. Mr. Garrison was a distinguished soldier in the Confederate army, a member of the 26th North Carolina regiment of the company commanded by Colonel Zebulon B. Vance. He was at the time of his death the oldest Mason in North Carolina, and had attained the 22nd degree. He had been a member of the Masonic Order for over 65 years, from the time of his 21st birthday.

Funeral services over the remains of the deceased will be with Masonic honors, with the Masons' Weavers, assisted by Centre Lodge, of Jupiter, in charge. Members of Blackmore Lodge, Weaverville, are requested to meet at 9 o'clock Monday morning. The services will be held from Red Oak church at 11 o'clock on Monday morning, and interment will be made in the cemetery at that place.

MRS. FREDERICA V. UNDERWOOD. Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 5.—Mrs. Frederica Virginia Underwood, mother of Senator Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, died at the home of her son, Fred V. Underwood, Sr., early today of heart trouble.

R. E. SIMPSON HOST AT CLUB DINNER

R. E. Simpson, general manager of Lines East of the Southern Railway, with Charlotte as headquarters, entertained at a dinner at the Southern Manufacturers' Club at 1 o'clock Monday the members of a special committee that is selling tickets for the Margaret Romaine concert at the city auditorium Tuesday night. Mr. Simpson is chairman of the committee.

Members of the committee are: Mayor J. O. Walker, Mrs. J. I. Thompson, M. T. Bethel, T. B. E. Spencer, L. D. Southernland, Others called in the campaign are the following named ladies, who also were at the luncheon: Mesdames Charles W. Norman, T. R. E. Spencer, J. Clyde Stancill, Hazel Fritchard, Paul Haddock, Mrs. Mark Thompson, Mrs. G. Berry, Mrs. L. D. Sutherland and Miss Marjorie Dean.

PRISON DELIVERY NIPPED IN THE BUD

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 5.—A cleverly planned prison delivery was nipped in the bud when the State penitentiary this morning when two of the most notorious prisoners in the institution were found trying to get out after officers had searched for them since Sunday afternoon, and at the same time hunting for these men, the authorities, hunting for these Jack Fields, the man who climbed over the prison walls last week, made his getaway a success.

Estimated Expenditures Of Federal Government

Table with 3 columns: Department, 1921, 1922. Includes Legislative, Executive, Treasury, War, Navy, Interior, Pensions, Postoffice, etc.

COURT HOUSE TO BE REMODELLED

Commissioners Will Accept Plans Monday Afternoon for Alterations.

The acceptance of plans for making improvements on the courthouse at a cost of about \$75,000 will be one of the leading items of business to engage the attention of the board of county commissioners during its session Monday afternoon.

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PROBE FLOGGING OF AGED FARMER

Young Grandson, Rushing to Aid of Man, Killed One of Party, It is Said.

Columbus, Ga., Dec. 5.—Alabama authorities today are making a thorough investigation into the mysterious flogging of M. C. White, 76-years-old Alabama farmer, which occurred 13 miles from Columbus Saturday night, and the slaying of Stanley Greene.

Emory Wilkinson, the 11-year-old grandson of White, who was shot in both legs in making an effort to protect the old man, while suffering severely from the loss of blood will probably recover, according to physicians.

According to information reaching local authorities, the youth was called to the front porch of the White home by his grandfather soon after a party of masked men had called the head of the house to come outside, and when the boy went he carried a shotgun with him. When the boy reached the door, it is stated that he demanded that the men release his grandfather, which was refused, and that he was shot instead.

The boy is now said to have returned to the fire, which is thought to have proved fatal to one member of the party, who staggered to the car hatless and without a weapon, having dropped a .46 calibre revolver while making for an automobile. The youth then took up the heavy pistol and fired at the party, which was taking his aged grandfather.

Efforts are being made to connect the death of Greene, whose body was found hatless and his pistol holster devoid of a weapon, with the shooting of the boy, according to local officers, who have been in conference with officials from Alabama here today.

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