

True Bills Found Against City Officers

Grand Jury in Chicago Finds Bills Against City Hall Officials Charging Them With Conspiracy to Defraud City.

Four Men are Implicated - The "Shale Rock" Scandal Again - \$45,000 is Amount Involved in The Case.

Chicago, Feb. 5.-Four true bills charging city hall officials with conspiracy in connection with the \$45,000 "Shale Rock" scandal, were returned by the county grand jury today.

All the above with the exception of Erison were indicted a short time ago in connection with an attempt to defraud the city of about \$250,000 in the building of section N of the Lawrence avenue sewer.

AS REGARDS THE TARIFF ON BOOKS

Washington, Feb. 5.-"You will pass for entry at the rate of 25 per centum ad valorem all bonafide books printed upon paper and appropriately bound and exclude from that rate only such as are contained in a binding obviously disproportionate in value to the value of the contents as ascertained in accordance with the principles above set forth."

The above instructions sent by James F. Curtis, assistant secretary of the Treasury, to the collector of customs at New York, constitute a construction of paragraph 416 of the new tariff act with respect to the duty imposed on books bound in materials other than paper.

Mr. Curtis says the department is of the opinion that Congress intended to retain the same rate of duty on books in general that had previously been imposed by preceding tariff acts and that the limitation of the duty by the addition of the words not found in the previous law was intended to exclude from that rate books bound in such fancy or costly bindings as to be imported on account of their literary merit or the value as books.

ENGLISH CRITIC IS REMANDED FOR FORGERY

London, Feb. 5.-Carew Martin, widely known as an art critic, was remanded in the Bow street court today charged with embezzlement and forger. The prosecutors are the directors of the royal society of British artists, of which Martin had been keeper and secretary since 1898. It is charged that he has robbed the society of large sums. He was admitted to bail under \$5,000 bond.

COMPANY IS ORGANIZED TO BUILD BRIDGE

Evansville, Ind., Feb. 5.-Kentucky and Indiana commercial interests long have campaigned for a bridge across the Ohio river at this point, and now a company with a capital of \$1,500,000 has been formed to build it.

THE SITUATION IN PARIS

Paris, Feb. 5.-The river Seine today is more than 13 feet below its flood maximum and the city has begun to assume a normal appearance. The streets are clear of water. Wreckage left by the flood is rapidly disappearing.

Above and below the city the waters have returned to the river bed and householders are busily engaged in cleaning and drying their homes. Train service in all directions is being restored and some of the factories have resumed operation, thus decreasing the number of unemployed.

In many quarters the gas and electric light service have been restored, but it will be many days before the transportation facilities, telegraph, telephone and other public utilities are in complete operation.

A group of generous women is engaged in a house to house canvass collecting from the more fortunate such furniture, beds, mattresses and even toys for children as can be spared to replace the ruined or unsanitary household effects of flood victims.

Premier Briand, presenting the flood situation before the cabinet today, expressed the belief that the effects of the disaster would be somewhat less grave than anticipated.

Tomorrow by agreement the authorities and relief societies will discontinue the promiscuous distribution of relief supplies to all comers, confining the list of those aided in each arrondissement to the resident in that particular commune. The object is to furnish substantial aid and permit families to return to their own homes as rapidly as possible.

Among the American contributions received today were \$40,000 additional from societies of New Orleans, \$5,000 from the Red Cross and \$1,000 from Mrs. W. H. Bliss, of New York.

Commission Appointed To Suggest Reforms

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.-In an effort to put an end to government extravagance and waste, Senator Aldrich today reported to the committee on public expenditures a bill providing for the appointment of a commission to make investigation and suggest needed reforms.

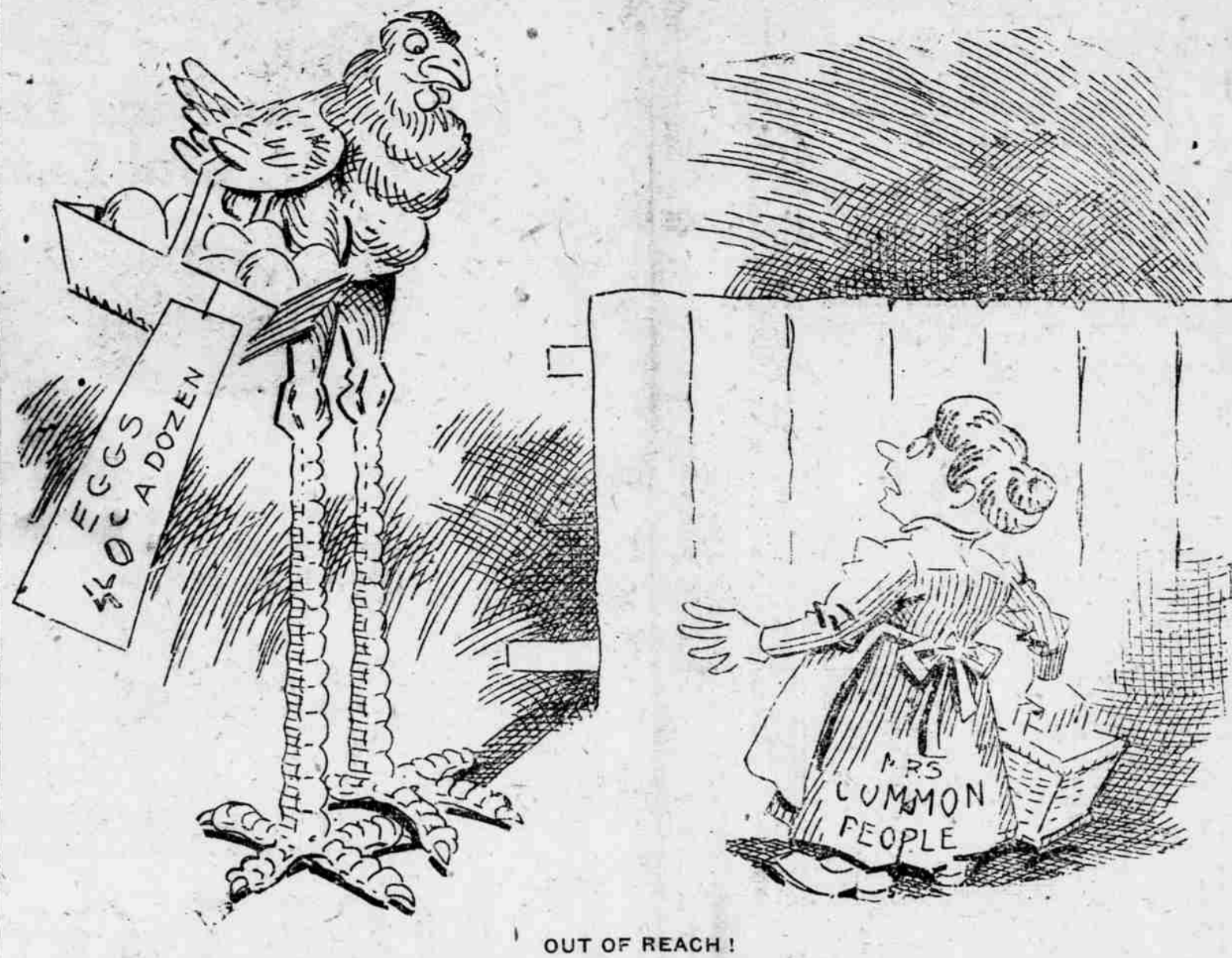
FORD TRIAL PROBABLY CLOSES TODAY

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 5.-Mrs. Jeanette Stewart-Ford on trial charged with blackmailing Charles L. Warriner, defaulting former local treasurer of the Big Four Railway, probably will know her fate before another day has passed. That remains to bring the sensational case to a close is the closing argument of the attorney for the defense, the judge's charge to the jury and the latter's verdict.

The state concluded its case yesterday and William Thorndyke, of counsel for the defense, began his closing argument. He will conclude this morning, after which Judge Swing will deliver his charge to the jury.

Charged With Rebating.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 5.-That the St. Louis and Iron Mountain railroad commission with regard to the granting of rebates, is charged in a formal notice served on the representatives of the road here yesterday it is asserted that a rebate system is in effect in that a rebate is given on lumber shipments with shipments of rough lumber materials. Unless the practice is immediately discontinued, the commission gives notice, legal action will follow.



WROTE LETTERS TO CARNEGIE AND GOT ORGAN

St. Louis, Feb. 5.-Eighty-eight letters to Andrew Carnegie asking him to buy an organ for the Cote Brillante Presbyterian church in this city, written during the last eight months, brought a check for \$1,125 last night from the philanthropist.

The check was accompanied only by a printed receipt form and the church members, while jubilant over getting the price of the organ, are wondering whether Carnegie really wanted to give them the money or did so to put an end to the series of letters.

MARDI GRAS AUTO CARNIVAL

New Orleans, La., Feb. 5.-The second annual Mardi Gras automobile racing carnival, beginning here today, held out promise of being one of the most noteworthy events of the kind ever given in the country. In the elements of ideal weather, a fast track and participation by the leading drivers of the world, was developed a prediction of smashed records.

MOBILE READY FOR MARDI GRAS

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 5.-Beautiful weather prevails here and already the city is well filled with visitors for the Mardi Gras carnival which opens tomorrow. Felix III arrives at noon Monday, when the parades, balls and other functions begin. The city is wrapped in bunting and flags and illuminations will be on a grand scale.

AN ALLEGED DEFAULTER IS RE-ARRESTED

South Bridge, Mass., Feb. 5.-John A. Hall, the alleged defaulting treasurer of the suspended South Bridge Savings Bank, was arrested today on a warrant charging him with the larceny of \$100,000 from the institution. Hall was at liberty under bonds of \$50,000 on a charge of stealing \$25,000. It is understood that the shortage disclosed already amounts to more than half a million dollars.

Spartanburg Lady Burns Self To Death

Spartanburg, S. C., Feb. 5.-Afflicted with pyromania, Mrs. Millie J. Sloan, aged 50 years, and the wife of a very prominent farmer, locked herself in an outhouse this morning after making careful preparations, set the place on fire. She burned to death in the blaze.

F. P. GLAZIER SENTENCED TO 5 YRS. IN PEN

Lansing, Mich., Feb. 5.-Former Treasurer Frank P. Glazier, of Chelsea, was sentenced by Judge West at Mason, today, to serve at least than five more than ten years in prison for misappropriating \$685,000 of State funds. Glazier controlled a bank at Chelsea which failed in December, 1907, and the money had been deposited in this bank contrary to law.

DEATH OF VERY REV. G. L. BENTON

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 5.-The Very Rev. Gilbert L. Benton, vicar-general of the Catholic diocese of Harrisburg and one of the best known clergymen in Central Pennsylvania, died suddenly at his residence in Steelton, near here, today. He was 52 years old.

Foreign Powers Send Representations

Paris, Feb. 5.-Foreign Minister Pichon today announced that the four protecting powers, France, Russia, Great Britain and Italy had agreed to make representations to the executive committee of Crete. These, with the declarations received from the Greek and Turkish governments assure the avoidance of complications which would have arisen had the Cretans planned to send delegates to the forthcoming sessions of the national assembly at Athens.

White Man Is Found Dead - Arrest made

Wadesboro, Feb. 5.-Henry Thomas, a white carpenter and a hard working man was found lying dead on the sidewalk in front of the residence of Purdy Bennett at ten o'clock last night. Thomas had been dead but a short time when he was found. Coroner Fenton was immediately notified and the body was removed to the office of Dr. J. M. Covington and a jury summoned. No marks of violence were found and a post mortem was necessary. The post mortem developed that death was due to fracture of skull aggravated by habitual drinking. Several weeks ago Thomas had a dispute with Terry Smith, a clerk-for

Boy Raffles Escapes By Daring Jump

BALLINGER HEARING WAS UNEXPECTED

Washington, Feb. 5.-An unexpected public session of the Ballinger-trust congressional investigating committee, was held this morning following the receipt from the interior department of two bundles of documentary evidence called for by Mr. Brandeis, the attorney representing Louis R. Glavis.

Mr. Brandeis complained yesterday of the delay of the Interior Department in forwarding these papers and the committee decided this morning to dispose of them at once by fixing rules under which they could be examined by counsel. Following an executive session of an hour, Chairman Nelson announced that the committee had adopted a resolution providing that the papers should remain in the custody of the clerk who would make a complete schedule of them and allow the attorneys to inspect them in his presence so as to determine which should be offered in evidence.

Mr. Brandeis remarked that he had but a few hours to remain in the city and would like to begin inspection of the papers. Chairman Nelson said it would be necessary for the clerk first to make the schedule. Senator Flint suggested that as fast as the papers were scheduled they should be turned over to the attorneys and this was agreed to.

The attorneys were alone given access to the papers and no one else will be permitted in the room while they are examining them. Mr. Brandeis said he would have to be absent from the city on February 10 and might go over until Monday the 14th. The committee adhered to its purpose to resume the hearings on the 11th.

Gifford Pinchot today made his first announcement in the case and John J. Certrees of Nashville, made his first appearance as chief counsel for Secretary Ballinger.

Mr. Pinchot arose and asked that Nathan A. Smythe, of New York, be added to the list of counsel as his personal representative and that he be permitted to examine the papers.

Representative Denby questioned Mr. Pinchot as to what angle of the case his testimony would be directed. "The story I have to tell," replied Mr. Pinchot, "is my connection with 'And that includes the Alaska coal and I and cases and water power sites'" interjected Senator Sutherland.

The committee agreed that Mr. Pinchot would not be called until after the examination of Mr. Glavis is concluded. Adjournment was taken until Friday next and the attorneys in the case began immediate examination of the papers sent by the Interior Department.

A Shooting in Tennessee

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 5.-At Double Springs, McMinn county, Tennessee, yesterday afternoon, Will Roland shot and killed J. N. Hanby. Bad feeling had long existed between the men. Roland surrendered. The men were brothers-in-law.

Will Probe Insurance Frauds.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 5.-During the interval before the 14th of February, which is the date set for a resumption of the trials of Timothy O'Leary, Patrick Needham and John J. Keane, under charge of conspiracy to defraud the insurance companies, an effort will be made to bring the matter to the attention of the grand jury. "We have found," said Aaron Kohn, attorney-for the companies at the hearing yesterday, "that out of the \$180,000 of insurance written by the defendants \$125,000 of it is bogus."

Washington, Feb. 5.-Col. Wesley R. Andrews, who was private secretary to Senator Penrose and was chairman of the Republican State committee of Pennsylvania, died here today of pneumonia.

ANOTHER HORRIBLE MINE EXPLOSION REPORTED TODAY

Indiana, Pa., Feb. 5.-It is reported here that an explosion has occurred in the Number 2 mine of the Jefferson and Clearfield Coal & Iron Company at Earnest, near here. There were 100 men in the mine.

While Undergoing "Third Degree," Fred Cain Jumped From Window of Chief of Police and Made Good His Escape.

The Room was Full of Officers at Time - Boy Disappeared But Detectives Discovered Him With Sprained Ankle.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 5.-While being introduced to the Third Degree this morning, Fred Cain, the self-confessed boy Raffles, jumped from the window of the office of the chief of police, forty feet to the ground and escaped.

The daring delivery took place in the heart of the city, and from a room in which were a dozen officers. He made the jump with a pair of heavy manacles on his wrists.

The boy was evidently injured in the daring jump. But he ran rapidly up the street and disappeared. Later, two detectives found him in an alleyway with a sprained ankle. He was sent to a hospital.

TWO CHARTERS ISSUED TO-DAY

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 5.-Bank of St. Paul's Robeson county chartered to \$25,000 capital authorized and \$10,500 subscribed by Look Shaw, A. R. McEachern and others, for a commercial and savings bank. Also charter for the Forsythe Development Co., at Winston-Salem, with capital of \$5,000 subscribed by R. S. Galloway, H. G. Chatham and others.

TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MILITIA

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.-To give officers of cavalry, field artillery, engineers and signal troops of the organized militia an opportunity to acquire information of a theoretical and practical nature of the latest equipment and material pertaining to their respective arms, and preliminary to the summer joint maneuvers, the war department will provide certain courses of instruction for militia officers of cavalry and field artillery at Fort Riley, Kan., and for engineer and signal corps at Fort Leavenworth.

The courses will terminate not later than June 30th, 1910, the scheme contemplating that they shall be subdivided into periods of 10 days, each period leading up to some definite objective instruction. This will permit an officer who can be away from his business but 10 days to take the first period, one who can be away for 20 days, the first two periods, and one who may be away for 30 days, the entire course.

DEFIED POSSE SINCE THURSDAY THEN SUICIDED

Walker, Minn., Feb. 5.-Walter J. McDonald, who has been defying the sheriff's posse since Thursday night, when he barricaded himself in his house after shooting Howard Sexton, committed suicide today by shooting.