

Ohio Legislature Bribery Scandal In Hands of Grand Jury

Gov. Harmon Suggests This Course to Prevent Accused Members Escaping Punishment by the Use of Immunity Bath.

Forty Legislators Involved—Officers of State Organizations to Tell What They Know—Several Heads of Departments Must Testify.

Columbus, O., May 2.—The Franklin county grand jury met today to consider the wholesale charges of bribery involving about forty members of the Ohio legislature. The matter was taken before the grand jury instead of a legislative probe committee on the advice of Governor Harmon and others in order to prevent any accused members from escaping punishment through the immunity bath. Scores of witnesses have been summoned and it is said that the jury may make a partial report some time tomorrow.

Officers of state organizations interested in legislation before this assembly have been summoned to tell what they know of alleged efforts by members to hold them up. They include officers of such bodies as the state board of commerce, the anti-saloon league, the personal liberty league and heads of large corporations.

It is reported that at least one head of a state department was solicited to bribe to expedite the passage of a bill of interest to his department.

Attorney General Hogan after a talk with prosecuting attorney Turner said that if there were any need for immunity baths they would be given to the person least culpable.

Sudden Death of J. W. Crowell

Special to The News.
Lexington, N. C., May 2.—Mr. John W. Crowell died suddenly at the Hotel March last night. He had come here to take charge of the Peacock Couch Company, a big concern lately formed by the combination of the Spencer Furniture Company and the Peacock Couch Company. Mr. Crowell was one of the best furniture experts in the South. The cause of his death was heart failure following a shock of asthma.

A Busy Day In Congress

Washington, May 2.—Although the senate adjourned yesterday it was not a quiet day in the senate end of the capital was a place of activity. A half dozen committees thrashed out accumulated business, principal among them being the finance committee, which has begun consideration of the Canadian reciprocity measure, already passed by the house.

The house, in an effort to expedite the passage of the free list bill, met again today at 11 o'clock. Chairman Underwood of the ways and means committee, said today that he hoped to get a vote on the measure Thursday.

There is a disposition to question his ability to force action by that time, for a number of members still desire to speak.

SQUABBLE OVER SUNDAY BASEBALL.

Montgomery, Ala., May 2.—Pro and anti Sunday elements of the city commissioners tonight at which it is expected final action will be taken on the question for Sunday baseball in this city.

Those opposed to the Sunday sport declared that if it is authorized they will apply for an injunction to stop it. The sentiment of the commission seems to be in favor of Sunday ball.

A MYSTERIOUS LETTER CAUSED AWFUL CRIME

Athens, Ga., May 2.—A mysterious letter which he intercepted is declared by the police today to have caused Richard W. Kinney to kill his wife and himself here last night in the presence of their 12 year old daughter. According to the officers who questioned persons in the Kinney home, he showed the letter to his wife and killed her while she was reading it. The contents have not been divulged. Kinney was from Newport, Tenn.

FIVE PERSONS DROWNED

By Associated Press.
Edmundston, N. B., May 2.—Three men and two boys were drowned in the St. John river near here today. They were crossing from the Canadian to the American bank of the river in a scow operated by a wire cable. The cable broke and the scow was upset in the freshet-swollen waters.

FAMILY PLACED ON TRIAL ON SERIOUS CHARGE

By Associated Press.
Hayward, Wis., May 2.—John F. Dietz, his wife and son, Leslie, were placed on trial here today before Judge Alexander H. Reid in the circuit court. They are charged with the murder of Oscar Harp, a deputy sheriff, one of a posse which besieged the Dietz cabin near Cameron dam last October, who was found dead after the smoke of battle had cleared away.

At that time John Dietz was wanted on a warrant charging attempt to kill a man with whom he had had a fight at Winter, Wis. Dietz shot the man but did not kill him. There were several other warrants out for John Dietz.

The trouble with the authorities grew out of a dispute between Dietz and a lumber company which built a dam in the Thorapple river near the Dietz home. The flood waters, Dietz claimed, damaged his land but he said he could not get a satisfactory settlement from the company, so he destroyed the dam and held up a large lot of logs for a year.

SPECULATION ON THE FARMERS FREE LIST BILL

NEWS BUREAU
Congressional Mail.
By H. E. C. BRYANT.
Washington, May 2.—There is considerable speculation concerning the Farmers' Free List Bill. Chairman Underwood of the ways and means committee thinks it is a good thing. He believes that it will help the farmers. Mr. Prince, of Illinois, declared on the floor of the House last week that it was a fake, a fraud, made to catch rural votes. Others say that it is a political measure which will pass the house and die. Mr. Underwood announced that it would pass both houses of congress and be signed by the president. Very few people believe that the bill will ever pass the senate.

But, it is said, what if it did pass the senate, and receive the President's signature? What then? How much would the consumer of the articles on the free list gain? What revenue be remitted?

The exemption from duty of all articles affected by the bill would reduce the tariff revenue by \$10,028,989, based on importations for last year. Included in this are the duties to be remitted under the reciprocity treaty with Canada, amounting to \$1,653,313, which deducted would leave \$8,375,676.

There is no way to reach an absolutely reliable conclusion about what will be saved by consumers. The imports in some instances, are very small, for the duties are prohibitive, and we have monopolies. If other countries build factories and compete with us on farm implements and other things prices may be affected.

But, reduced to the final analysis, to which there is very little prospect of it being, the saving would be tremendous. Here are the figures: The consumption, measured by the net supply, in value of the articles on the free list follow:

Salt, consumption, \$9,540,824; saved, \$4,862,005.9104.
Farm implements, \$90,637,110 against, \$13,876,541.54.
Bagging for cotton, sacks, burlaps, etc., \$26,031,644 against \$6,992,099.57.
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AMERICANS WARNED TO MOVE OUT.
By Associated Press.
Nogales, Ariz., May 2.—High officials of the Southern Pacific Railroad lines in Mexico, arriving here today from the Mexican interior, said they had received notice from the rebels advising all Americans to move their families into the United States.

New Trial for Wilson.
New York, May 2.—A new trial for Christopher Columbus Wilson, president of the United Wireless Company and his associates, who are charged with misuse of the mails, was ordered today by Judge Martin in the United States district court. Prejudice on the part of one of the jurors was shown yesterday and the entire jury was discharged this morning.

Misenheimer Land Company.
Special to The News.
Raleigh, May 2.—A charter is granted the Misenheimer Land & Improvement Company of Charlotte, capital \$4,200 subscribed, \$125,000 authorized. J. J. Misenheimer is among the principal incorporators.



Cotton Mill Men Hold Interesting Meeting in Charlotte

Representing practically 400,000 spindles, cotton yarn spinners met here yesterday in two sessions, each one being held behind closed doors, and talked of the proposed merger of Southern cotton mills—a merger that will be the meaning of the largest industry of its kind in the country—one that will involve more than \$3,500,000. The proposition presented by the promoters, Frank L. Underwood and Leonard Paulson, of New York, contemplates a merger of one million spindles upon which bonds will be issued to the amount of \$10,000,000 of which \$5,000,000 will be devoted to the cash purchase of the properties, reserving the balance for a working capital.

Report has it that tentative proposition has been made for \$2.50 for the bonds. Mills entering the merger will have their property assessed by Lockwood, Green & Company, of New York, and J. T. Sirrine, of Greenville, S. C., and of the assessed value 20 per cent is to be paid in cash, in addition to the quick assets of the mills and 40 per cent in preferred stock and 40 per cent in common stock incorporation merger. The promoters are to retain 20 per cent common and preferred stock for their work in negotiating the merger.

Committees, were appointed, and these will make a report at another conference to be held at a date not far in the future.

North and South Carolina cotton mill men were well represented at the meeting, some of the best known manufacturers in the two states being in attendance. None gave out information as to what would finally be done.

That the merger will be effected, though is a fact that seems apparent to those who have followed the reports from all the cotton mill men in different parts of the states of North and South Carolina. Nothing was done here because, it was said, the financiers wanted a little more time in which to consider such a big proposition.

A majority of the spindles included in the merger will be of mills of this state. It is state confidently that there will be no lack of backing to put such a merger on a sound business footing, and it is expected that at the next meeting, when committees make reports, there will be a satisfactory termination of the negotiations now under way.

Stone Cutters Out On Strike

Atlanta, May 2.—The fight between the granite cutters and the granite companies of Atlanta Lithonia, Stone Mountain and Conyers, has resulted in a lock-out which has thrown 600 men into idleness, and is interfering with the filling of orders for stone by all the contractors in this part of the state.

The agreement under which the stone men have been working for the past two years expired yesterday morning, and the new agreement submitted to them to sign was not satisfactory. A row followed. The stone men refused to work under the new agreement. The companies refused to let them work at all unless they did sign it. So, in turn, the situation paralyzes something the nature of both a strike and lock-out.

Hyde Pleads Not Guilty.

By Associated Press.
New York, May 2.—Charles Hiram Hyde, the city chamberlain, appeared in court this afternoon and pleaded not guilty to an indictment charging bribery. The offense charged is punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten years or a fine of not more than \$5,000 or both.

Compulsory Education May Be Voted Upon

By Associated Press.
Atlanta, May 2.—That a number of questions of vital interest to those engaged in educational work in Georgia will come before the next session of the general assembly is the opinion of State School Commissioner M. L. Brittain. Brittain says that he considers it very probable that included in the legislation that will be proposed will be the introduction of a bill providing that each county shall be allowed to vote upon the question of establishing compulsory education in the county; a state wide compulsory education measure, and one providing that the county be adopted as the unit of education, and abolishing a division of the city from the county in the matter of education.

The commissioner says that the legislature will be asked to devise some method, not yet outlined, for making prompt payments to teachers.

MADE SURE TO KILL HIMSELF

By Associated Press.
Louisville, Ky., May 2.—Disappointed when a large dose of muriatic acid failed to bring about the desired effect, Henry Reeb, a shopkeeper in Fifth street near Green, today shot himself in the head with a revolver which he had loaded before taking the acid. He was dead when neighbors reached him.

Reeb formerly lived in New Orleans. He was recently indicted here for alleged gambling operations.

Tales Of Ferocious Fighting In China Are Reported Today

TWO DEAD IN WRECK.

By Associated Press.
Cincinnati, O., May 2.—Advices from Hinton, W. Va., say that Chesapeake & Ohio Railway passenger train No. 3 was derailed near there today and several persons were killed.

At the local offices of the road it was stated that a portion of the train was derailed and that the engineer and fireman were killed. None of the passengers were hurt seriously, it is said.

A Misconception Was Explanation

By Associated Press.
Washington, May 2.—A misconception of the purpose of the war department in investigating the military availability of certain lands near Chattanooga, Tenn., was the explanation today of a reported assumption in Atlanta, Ga., that Fort McPherson was to be abandoned as a military post. As a matter of fact the war department does not contemplate closing that post nor any post located in the vicinity of large and important railway centers.

The department has been trying to obtain an area in Tennessee suitable for manoeuvres on a large scale.

Citizens of Chattanooga have opened some land and one large tract of 5,000 acres in the Tennessee highlands has been offered as a gift to the United States. No permanent structures will be erected on the grounds.

HER SECOND ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE WAS SUCCESSFUL

By Associated Press.
Atlanta, May 2.—Mrs. Ellen Lacey shot herself through the forehead with suicidal intent here today in the presence of her 3-year-old son who was convalescing from an attack of scarlet fever. Physicians at the hospital where she was taken declare she cannot live. Illness is given as the cause of her act. Once before she tried to kill herself with poison.

SUGGESTIONS ON PEACE TO THE TEACHERS

By Associated Press.
Baltimore, May 2.—"Refute the fallacy that 'government rests on force'," "sharply distinguish between war within nations and war between nations," "emphasize justice."

These were some of the suggestions made to the school teachers of Maryland this afternoon by Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead, of Boston, at a meeting arranged especially for the teachers by the American School Peace League, in connection with the third national peace congress which will assemble here tomorrow or a four days' session. Mrs. Mead asserted that the teacher who is in touch with the history that is in the making and who has the spirit of internationalism is alone fitted to lead.

"Patriotism may be so taught as to develop the worst instead of the best impulses," she said. "It may encourage arrogance and pride in our country instead of a readiness to serve it, which is the only test of patriotism."

Favors Erection of Memorial Hall

By Associated Press.
Louisville, Ky., May 2.—Col. George A. Armes, U. S. A., retired, at today's session of the national congress of the Sons of the American Revolution, introduced a resolution providing for the erection at Washington of a great memorial hall in which historical relics may be preserved. Definite action on Col. Armes' plan will be taken before the congress closes, it is said.

Col. Armes' resolution provides for a building to cost not less than \$2,000,000 and to contain rooms not only for the preservation and exhibition of relics but also a large hall in which conventions and other gatherings might be held.

After the business of the day was given over to a crowded social program.

INSURRECTOS OPEN FIRE IN CITY OF CHIHUAHUA

By Associated Press.
Chihuahua, Mexico, May 1.—via Laredo, Tex., May 2.—A band of insurgents entered this city today from the south and began an indiscriminate firing. It is presumed this was done to demonstrate their preparedness to resume hostilities should the peace negotiations fail.

An alarm was immediately sounded at military headquarters and troops sent to repel the attacking party. The insurgents fled within a short time. No one was wounded.

It is believed that the insurgents are a part of a band from the south which was not included in the armistice.

Practical isolation of Chihuahua city from the outside world continues, the insurgents having cut a majority of the railroad and telegraph lines.

Opposes Reciprocity.

By H. E. C. BRYANT.
Washington, D. C., May 2.—Representative Webb received today a letter from Dr. H. Q. Alexander, president of the North Carolina Farmers' Union, approving his vote against the Canadian reciprocity.

"I approve your course in opposing the reciprocity treaty with Canada as it was presented to the house by the president. The treaty is not fair or just."

Revolution Spreading Through Kwang Tung Province And Into Amoy—Foreign Missions Have Not Yet Been Molested by Rebels.

By Associated Press.
Hong Kong, May 2.—Late dispatches today state that the anti-Manchu movement has spread from the west river at the west of Canton, to the north and east through Kwang Tung province, and to Amoy, in the southeastern part of Fukien province.

According to the best information obtainable, the foreign missions have not been molested by the rebels.

Service on the Canton-Kowloon section of the railway leading from Canton, Hong Kong has been abandoned and the British railway officials have been ordered to come to this city tonight. Vessels are making frequent trips between Hong Kong and Canton bringing refugees here.

Details of the fighting at Canton confirm earlier reports of the ferocity with which the troops and the rebels engaged. Queueless heads and hairless bodies in European dress are still exposed in the streets. Other bodies show that death was caused by strangulation. The absence of queueless heads with the clothing of western fashion makes it plain that the dead were rebels. The bodies of the soldiers killed appear to have been removed.

A son of the viceroy of Canton and a maid were found hidden under a bed in the servants' quarters of the palace which escaped destruction when the home was set afire.

The commander of a Chinese cruiser was killed. Admiral Li, who commanded the loyal troops in the first two days of the fighting, is said to have personally killed ten revolutionists before he was mortally wounded.

Bluejackets guard Shamien and close by are the American gunboat Wilmington, the German gunboat Illbruck, Portuguese gunboat from Macao and several warships.

Foreigners Have Escaped.

Hong Kong, China, May 2.—Today's advices from Canton, where the revolutionary movement originated, indicate that foreigners have escaped harm.

The foreign residential sections occupies Shamien, an artificial island at the north of Canton. Gunboats are anchored in the canal which separates the island from the city proper and guns are mounted on the bank commanding the approaches.

On Sunday evening the revolutionists attempted to cross to Shamien with the purpose of capturing the police station there, but were repulsed by local troops.

Bandits led by the brigant chief Luk burned four government residences at Fatshan when they attacked and looted the town.

Reports from the west river districts are meagre, as the rebels destroyed telegraphic communication at many points. It appears, however, that Wu Shien, the leader of the anti-Manchu forces, is working to the westward after raiding Sam Shui, Wen Chow, Woo Chow, Chunglok, Shuihung and Fatshan.

The government seems to be in control at Canton.

Two More Victims Or Train Wreck

By Associated Press.
Easton, Pa., May 2.—There is no longer any doubt that Miss Marion Brown and Miss Margaret Jones, both of Utica, who had been counted among the survivors of the wreck of the teachers special train at Martins Creek, N. J., are dead. Neither young woman had been heard from since the wreck, and as they are not at the hospital or any other in this section it has been concluded that they perished with the eight others cremated in the fire that followed the wreck.

Will Join Insurrectos.

By Associated Press.
San Antonio, Tex., May 2.—Four non-commissioned officers and a private discharged here today from the tenth infantry, U. S. A., at Fort Sam Houston, it is announced, will spend their vacation of three months, or until the period of re-enlistment expires, with the insurrecto army of Mexico if they are accepted by Francisco I. Madero, Jr.

They are Sergeant Harry Willis, Sergeant E. F. Warren, Corporal Edward McCloskey, Corporal Thomas H. Meyers and Private Charles Hoar. Each of the men has been in the service for years and have participated in active campaigns in China, the Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico. Many other regulars already discharged, it is said, are now soldiers of fortune with the Madero army.

Col. Schaeck Dead.

By Associated Press.
Berne, Switzerland, May 2.—Col. Theodore Schaeck, the Swiss aeronaut, who competed in last year's international balloon race at St. Louis, died today.

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