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WILL CHARGE A VAST PLOT

Government Will Seek to Prove That All Officers Are Equally Guilty

AT IT FOR SIX YEARS

New Disclosures in the Forty Thousand Letters Held by the Government Will Be Basis for Charges Against Officers and Committees of Bridge and Iron Workers Union—All Defendants Charged With Being Equally as Defendants—Disclosures in the Letters Are Amazing.

Indianapolis, Feb. 16.—New disclosures in the dynamite conspiracy cases, through forty thousand letters and telegrams quoted in the indictments as implicating all officials of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, will be the basis, it is declared, upon which the government will seek to convict the fifty-four defendants, charged with committing or abetting in almost one hundred explosions. The correspondence, contained in one of the thirty-two indictments and embracing what are termed "unconsummated acts of conspiracy" is held as showing that a vast plot, known to and furthered by Frank M. Ryan, president of the Iron Workers and to members of the executive board and many business agents, was carried on for six years to destroy the property of steel and iron contractors who employed non-union labor. It charges all defendants as being equally guilty as abettors. It is charged that Ortie E. MacManigal, Herbert S. Hocking and James J. McNamara, became an organized dynamiting crew. District Attorney Miller, commenting upon the thousands of letters collected as evidence, said: "The freedom with which these men put on paper, their plans, motives, and working out of their purposes, is amazing. The wide scope of thirty-two indictments' theory that the defendants' guilt is equal, no matter how small was any individual's activity. In the correspondence seized in the Iron Workers headquarters here. It is revealed that 'jobs' became the accepted word spread through the mails to designate some place to be blown up. The letters show the regular fees were paid for doing the 'jobs.'"

COLONEL GOING TO OHIO

Accepts Invitation to Address the Constitutional Convention. Columbus, O., Feb. 16.—A letter announcing his acceptance of the invitation to address the constitutional convention was received from Theodore Roosevelt today. He fixed the date as February 21st. The acceptance, coming just at this time and meaning as it does, the invitation of Taft's home state by his rival, has aroused the deepest interest. Progressives in the convention expect aid from the coming of Roosevelt, at least to the extent of offsetting the effect of Governor Harmon's attack on the initiative and referendum. The fact that Roosevelt's acceptance of the invitation to the convention was delayed until news of the effect of Harmon's speech had permeated the east, is interpreted as meaning that Roosevelt has already mentally put himself in Harmon's place and considered what he would do under similar circumstances. Colonel Roosevelt's letter follows: "My Dear Sir:—It gives me great pleasure to accept your most courteous invitation to address the Ohio Constitutional Convention. I have been declining invitations to speak, but this seems to me not so much an invitation to speak as a request that I help the representatives of a great state who are engaged in doing the greatest and most fundamental piece of governmental work on behalf of citizens of that state, and under such circumstances it is both duty and pleasure to accept. I thank you for the invitation. As you ask me to fix the day, I shall come on Wednesday, February 21st, by the Pennsylvania train that leaves New York at 6:24 p. m., on Tuesday, February 20th, and arrives in Columbus the following morning at 9:50. "I shall have to leave Columbus at 3 o'clock the same afternoon by the New York Central train, so I could address the convention in the morning, say about 11:30 o'clock. With many thanks, sincerely yours, "THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

GREENSBORO PUTS BAN ON DRUG STORES

(Special to The Times.) Greensboro, Feb. 16.—The city commissioners of Greensboro yesterday afternoon determined that liquor should not be sold by drug stores here on prescription and in the future Greensboro will be even drier than in the past. The ordinance adopted yesterday afternoon prohibits any sale of intoxicants by drug stores in whatsoever form or manner and all ordinances in conflict thereof are repealed. The vote on the question was two to one, Commissioners Brown and Foushee voting for the non-license ordinance and Mayor Murphy against it. For Greater Railroad Liability. Washington, Feb. 16.—A campaign for greater railroad liability as to bills of lading, especially on cotton, was renewed before the senate interstate commerce committee. A delegation representing the American Bankers Association and a large number of organizations urged prompt action.

The devil spots folk on their honor so as to be sure to get them.

WILL ADOPT HISTORIES

Text-Book Commission and Sub-Commission to Meet in April

Final action of the adoption of United States histories for the public schools of North Carolina will be taken April 18 by the text-book commission and sub-commission, and all briefs, criticisms and other matters to be submitted by representatives of publishing houses must be submitted by April 1. This, in brief, is the substance of a statement given out this afternoon. The text-books for five years were contracted for—with the exception of United States histories—at the sessions of the commission last summer. The following is the notice by the commission: "Notice is hereby given that all text-books on United States history to be submitted for the examination of the sub-committee of the text-book commission, together with all briefs, criticisms, etc., must be in the hands of the committee and the members of the text-book commission and sub-commission not later than April 1, 1912. The books must be submitted in the form in which they would be used in the schools, if adopted. All proposed changes in text-books heretofore submitted must be actually incorporated in printed form in the books submitted on or before April 1. "The text-book commission and sub-commission will be requested to meet for final official action on April 18, 1912. Very respectfully, "J. BRYAN GRIMES, "J. Y. JOYNER, "N. W. WALKER, Text-Book Commission."

Nine Injured in Wreck. Chittenango Falls, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Nine were injured when a Lehigh Valley train, was derailed. The injured were in a car that went of an embankment. No Clues to Bandits. New York, Feb. 16.—The police have no clues to the three automobile bandits who yesterday attacked two bank messengers in a taxicab, robbing them of twenty-five thousand dollars.

BIG BLIND TIGER GIVEN ROAD SENTENCE

(Special to The Times.) Asheville, Feb. 16.—Yesterday in superior court Judge Long sentenced P. H. Thrash to twenty months' imprisonment in the county jail for violation of the search and seizure law of Buncombe county. The defendant, through his attorneys, gave notice of appeal and the bond was fixed at \$4,000. The case came up on appeal from the police court, where Mr. Thrash had been convicted of keeping more than two gallons of whiskey in a stable on Depot street, and was given a sentence of sixteen months. The defense made a strong plea for mercy for the defendant, saying that he was a man of good character and they wished Judge Long to delay passing sentence until they could get some influential citizens of the city to speak in his behalf. As those citizens were not in court at the time Judge Long refused to do so, saying that Mr. Thrash's cases had already taken up about a fifth or sixth of the time of the court and he understood there were still other cases against him to be tried. He intimated, however, that he might reduce the sentence and impose a fine. He inquired as to what Mr. Thrash is worth and the solicitor said possibly \$75,000 or \$100,000. The defense claimed that he is worth about \$15,000. Judge Long said he is worth far too much to have to sell whiskey.

HOOKWORM CAMPAIGN

Four Additional Counties to Have Hookworm Dispensaries—Thirty-One Counties Total Number. The counties of Martin, Greene, Lenoir and Duplin, have made provision during February to have the state and county dispensaries for the free examination and treatment for hookworm disease. These additions bring the total number of counties making such provision to thirty-one. The work has been completed in twenty counties. The work is carried on simultaneously in five counties. Up to this time the record shows that about 60,000 people have been treated. Many of the results of cures may be seen in each county and are truly remarkable.

EXPOSITION PRESIDENT.

Mr. Charles O. Moore, president of the Panama Pacific Exposition, who is in the east on business connected with the exposition in San Francisco in 1915.

TIGER CASES ANOTHER DAY

Continuance Is Granted Until Next Wednesday in Matter of Poland, Morris and Others

NO BILL OF PARTICULARS

Justice Bledsoe Declined to Allow Defendants to Have All Evidence of Prosecution Before Trial—H. E. King Waives Examination and Gives Bond in Alleged Slight Case. Prosecution Furnished Names of Witnesses—New Warrant Drawn for Poland, Whose Place is in Wilmington Street.

Justice of the Peace E. M. Bledsoe today refused positively to furnish the five alleged blind tigers, trailed as far as his court by Constable Byrum, with the bill of particulars in their respective cases. What they wanted to know, according to their attorneys, were the names of every witness against them, the approximate time the liquor was alleged to have been bought and the place where it was sold. Mr. J. W. Bailey, appearing for the prosecution at the instance of Constable Byrum, furnished the lawyers for the defendants with the names of the witnesses, but the court stuck to his ruling that the particulars of the alleged sales were not matters for the defendants to know. And all four of the cases were continued until next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. H. E. King, who was indicted after he had given information about certain alleged tigers, waived a preliminary hearing and his bond in the sum of \$100 was continued for his appearance at the March term of Wake superior court.

AMERICAN SOLDIER CROSSED THE BORDER

Washington, Feb. 16.—The war department has decided to deal drastically with Lieut. Ben W. Fields, 18th infantry, who in command of a squad of American soldiers made the mistake of crossing into Juarez, Mexico, from El Paso, Texas yesterday and nearly precipitated an international clash. Fields was arrested pending further investigation. To Apply to All. Mr. Armstrong Jones, speaking for another of the alleged tigers, said he wanted the ruling as to Poland to apply to all the cases, and the justice assured him that it would. Mr. Jones then proceeded to argue that the court should have all the legal evidence before him in order to ascertain as to probable cause, contending that justice could not be done unless the defendants had all the particulars. He thought no wrong (Continued on Page Seven.)

KITCHIN WILL SPEAK IN ACADEMY TONIGHT

Gov. W. W. Kitchin, candidate for the United States senate, will open his campaign with a speech in the Academy of Music tonight, to hear which men, women, and friends and opponents are welcome. The speech will deal with the public record of Senator F. M. Simmons, who essays to return to the job, and is expected to be an interesting deliverance. The speaking will be under the auspices of the Kitchin Club, formed in Raleigh a week ago. With fine weather it is expected that the Academy will be crowded.

CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL OFFICERS MEDICAL CORPS

Maj. Henry Page, M. D., medical corps, U. S. A., has been detailed by the war department to conduct a correspondence school for the officers of the medical corps, North Carolina National Guard. Major Page is stationed at Fort Moultrie, S. C. Politics lives as far as it can get from the Ten Commandments.



A. & M. LOSES TO WAKE FOREST

Local Team Played Fiercely But Never Had a Look In

WAKE FOREST, FEB. 16.—With an exhibition of passing and dribbling the like of which has never been seen on this floor, Wake Forest piled up 50 points against the A. & M. tonight here last night, while the Farmers were only able to score 9 points. At the end of the first half the score stood 18 to 1. A. & M., making the other 8 points in the second half. As the score will show A. & M. never had a look-in. However they played fiercely the whole game, in spite of the fact that the ball remained for the most part in the Wake Forest territory. Undoubtedly the feature of the game was the playing of Captain Beem for Wake Forest. The first thirteen points scored by Wake Forest were made by himself. At the end of the game 21 points stood to his credit. Boyd and Wiley at guards were on their men at all times. They played star ball and the A. & M. forwards found it impossible to evade them. For A. & M. Captain Chambers was the star. All the points scored by his team were made by him. The whole secret of the game was the fact that A. & M. was completely outclassed. The passing of Wake Forest had them guessing the whole time. There was a noticeable absence of roughness in the game. The fouls were called about evenly on both sides. Nine fouls were credited to A. & M. and ten to Wake Forest. The line-up was as follows: Wake Forest—H. Beem, r. f. R. (Continued on Page Seven.)

WORK BEGUN ON NEW ICE FACTORY

The Standard Ice Company has begun work for its new plant, which is on the block north of the Norfolk Southern freight depot, and this property, the most of which was purchased from Mr. X. W. West, and which covers about three acres, and which is bounded on the east by the Norfolk Southern railway track. The plant is to be of thirty tons capacity daily and will cost \$20,000. Side tracks will be provided for fifteen cars and the plant will later become an ice station. On the property there were ten cottages, and two of these have been removed, the plant being located in the center of the block, so that the company will rent adjacent houses. Raleigh will, when this plant is completed, have four ice plants. One of these is owned by Mr. E. C. Hillyer and is leased by Johnson & Johnson, and another, owned by the Carolina Ice Company, is also leased by Johnson & Johnson. The latter firm will operate the new plant. The firm of Powell & Powell

AINS WORTH WILL BE TRIED BY COURT MARTIAL

Washington, Feb. 16.—While no order of military arrest had been issued early today, Major General Frederick C. Ainsworth's status was that of an army officer under suspension from the exercise of his duties as adjutant general and under orders to remain here pending the adoption of disciplinary measures by the war department. This is thoroughly well understood to mean that Ainsworth will be tried by court martial on a military charge, which translated into plain English, is: That he is alleged to have been guilty of disrespect to General Leonard Wood, chief of staff, his senior, and Secretary Stimson, his official superior. The war department is busy selecting a court to try Ainsworth and in formulating the charges. Necessarily many retired officers of high rank must be placed upon the court. The case probably will be one of the most notable in the army's history. It probably will be several days before the order will be issued creating a court and citing Ainsworth before it. Ainsworth maintains absolute reticence. It is expected the democratic house may probe the whole war department relations between the general staff and the adjutant general's office.

FIVE MURDERERS HANGED AT ONE TIME

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Five murderers were hanged in jail. They were Frank Shblawski, Ewald Shblawski, Philip Sommerling and Thomas Schult, slayers of Fred Guelzow, a farmer murdered last October; and Thomas Jennings, a negro, convicted on finger print evidence of murdering Clarence Hiller, a railway official.

FLOODS IN SPAIN SUBSIDING

Seville, Spain, Feb. 16.—The floods are rapidly subsiding. Two suburbs, Navas and Burguillos are in a lamentable condition. Many inhabitants are dying of hunger. Cemeteries are undermined by water and corpses are floating in the streets.

FLOODS IN PORTUGAL

Lisbon, Feb. 16.—Floods throughout Portugal have wrecked many villages. A scene of desolation is observed for miles along the country roads. There are many human victims and a financial loss of \$10,000,000.

A REPRIEVE FOR JNO. ROSS

Cleveland County Negro Given Nearly Two More Months to Live On Day For Electrocution

STICKS TO CONFESSION

At Time When He Thought His End Was Near Ross Declared to Sheriff Wilkins That He Killed Mr. John Dixon and That Frank Gladden Killed Mrs. Dixon—No Reason for Reprieve Given, But Was Done, It Is Thought, to Get Further Light on Horrible Murder.

Reprieved by Governor Kitchin until April 12, John Ross, the Cleveland county negro sentenced to die in the electric chair today for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon, on the night of December 13th, declared in his cell to Sheriff Wilkins, of Cleveland county, that his original confession was true in every particular. Ross at this time did not know that he was to live nearly two months longer, and when he was approached in his cell by the Cleveland county sheriff, he said frankly that he killed Mr. John Dixon and that Frank Gladden, a white man, killed Mrs. Dixon. Gladden was acquitted at the trial in January of the murder of Mr. Dixon, and was not tried for the murder of Mrs. Dixon. The fact was developed this afternoon that Frank Gladden the white man, was tried with Ross for the murder of only Mr. Dixon, and not for Mrs. Dixon. The officers may in such an event try him for her murder and use Ross as a witness against him. Whether anything will be done could not be learned today. The reprieve came as a complete surprise today. The governor assigned no reason for his action, but the report was current that the negro's life was spared for the time being in hope that he would make a full confession so that others believed to have been implicated in the foul murder might be brought to trial. Everything was in readiness at penitentiary for the execution when the governor's reprieve reached the warden. Present at the penitentiary were Sheriff Wilkins, Mr. G. H. Kilne, father of Mrs. Dixon; Mr. A. C. Warlick, nephew of Mr. Kilne; Messrs. Charles and John Stroup and Deputy Sheriff Proctor, all of Cleveland county. It was said today that the sentiment in Cleveland county is still strong against Frank Gladden, the white man who was tried with Ross at a special term of court. The reason for the reprieve will be made public later.

GOOD CARS SAVE LIVES

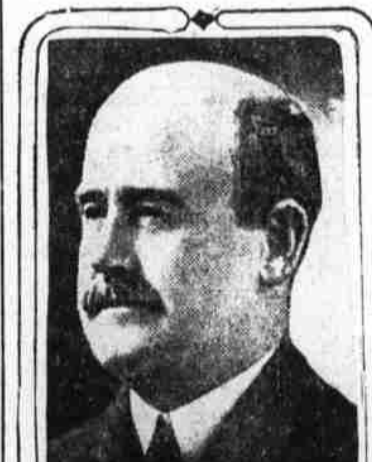
Huntington, Pa., Feb. 16.—Physicians declare none of the thirty-one persons injured in the Pennsylvania wreck at Warriors Run would die. All are in the hospital there. The limited embodied the latest ideas for safety in steel car equipment. Railroad men declare that it was due to construction of the steel cars that many lives were saved.

JUDGE LANNING DEAD

Trenton, Feb. 16.—United States Circuit Judge William M. Lanning died at his home, of heart disease. Lanning would have sat with Circuit Judges Gray and Ruffington in the government suit against the United States Steel Corporation and its subsidiaries.

FOR FINAL ADJUSTMENT

Mr. B. C. Beckwith, appointed special commissioner by the board of county commissioners to adjust all matters arising from the annexation of a part of White Oak township by Durham county, went to Durham relative to a final adjustment of these matters.



TO MANAGE TAFT CAMPAIGN

William B. McKinley, chairman of the republican congressional campaign committee, who has been put in charge as manager of the Taft campaign, and who will establish Taft headquarters in Washington, Mr. McKinley hails from Illinois.