

TELL HOW BOSSES AIDED NEW HAVEN

More Letters Put in Evidence to Show Railroad's Political Policy.

DEALS IN SECRET WITH C. R. BRAYTON

Oppose Charter Grants to Competing Electric Lines. Is Direction from J. M. Hall.

Stories of political bosses, legislators and lobbyists of the past as told by the New Haven railroad in its policy of crushing competition from local electrical railroads made up the bulk of the testimony yesterday in the trial of the eleven former New Haven directors charged with conspiring to violate the Sherman anti-trust law.

Prominently mentioned in that history of secret deals at New England state capitals was Charles R. Brayton, of Providence, for years the blind boss of Rhode Island.

Letter after letter of the same type as the following, dated April 16, 1895, written to Brayton by John M. Hall, vice-president of the New Haven, was read into the record by the government attorneys:

"I notice the passage of a bill through the Legislature last week chartering an electric railroad running between Pawtucket and Attleboro, and containing a provision that the company might carry express matter. We should have urged every objection to this bill as long as we had an opportunity to do so, and do not let any bill of that kind go through, and if possible we would like to see that express matter struck out by a general law or in some other way, as it is in violation of the Sherman law."

After many similar letters had been read one was presented dealing with the payment of \$10,000 to Brayton for services. Robert Rockefellers, then president of the New Haven, took a fight against the introduction of evidence on such a line. Mr. Lindabury argued that no mention of the matter involved in the bill had been made in the indictment. Judge Hunt denied the objection.

The court ruled, however, that matter would be admissible when it was shown to be evidence bearing on the alleged conspiracy to crush out electrical competition and to exert political influence for its end.

A letter sent by Mr. Hall January 22, 1897, to Charles F. Brock, one of the directors, was put in evidence as coming within the court's ruling.

Passage of Bill Urged. It here on legislative matters in Connecticut, and it is not surprising that I wish you would quietly hand to Representative Tucker, of your place, with a request that he offer the bill quietly, and see if you can get the bill through the Legislature.

"We will make it all right with Mr. Tucker if this is necessary. It is a bill in which I think he will be very much interested, as he was opposed two years ago to the electric road's getting permission to cross the Washington Bridge and was one of the committee which advised against any electric company to cross it."

The point is that the Washington Bridge is less than thirty feet in width, and you will observe that this bill will allow the electric company to cross it using it, to bear the expense of widening it. It will be striking a blow in the right direction and will give the electric companies something to think about besides paralleling our line."

CUBA GRATEFUL TO U. S. Will Present Her Panama Fair Pavilion to the American Army.

San Francisco, Oct. 28. As a token of Cuba's gratitude to America's soldiers, the Cuban pavilion at the Panama Pacific Exposition is to be given completely furnished to the United States army, it was announced today by General Leonard Wood, chief of the United States commissioner to the exposition.

NEW HAVEN FIGHT TO REACH COURT

Minority Stockholders, Defeated in Effort to Force Restitution in Effort to Force Restitution. Suit Will Appear.

New Haven, Oct. 28. Falling in their efforts to force the New Haven directors to restore to the stockholders the property of the railroad, the minority stockholders will now appeal to the New York courts. It has not yet been decided who will be the complainant representing the minority interests, but it is generally believed that the New Haven alleged claims against its former directors.

When the stockholders reconvened this morning the defeat of French and his associates was announced. The total number of shares they voted was 14,700, against 48,100 for the management of the road.

Among the proxies to which objection was made were the Pennsylvania Adams Express Company, 52,000 shares; Adams Express Company, 24,750 shares; American Express Company, 40,000 shares; Yale University, 31,250 shares; and William Waldorf Astor, 6,340 shares.

Chairman Elliott ruled that the vote had been legally cast, and that the result of the election by the tellers would be accepted by the management. The board of fifteen directors was then elected by practically a unanimous vote.

TWENTY REPUBLICS TO SEND SCIENTISTS

Pan-American Conclave at Washington Will Attract 600 United States Scholars.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Delegates from all the principal scientific societies of Latin America will meet in the Pan-American scientific congress, to be held here from December 27 to January 8. The congress will be under the direction of the United States government.

One hundred and fifty Latin American who are expected to attend include some of the most famous names of this hemisphere. More than six hundred representatives of Latin American scientific organizations, universities and colleges of the United States.

Mexico is expected to play an important part among the twenty Latin American republics. It will be the first appearance of the new government of a Pan-American gathering.

Fifty thousand dollars appropriated by the United States government has been placed at the disposal of the executive committee on arrangements. The members of the committee are: William Phillips, Third Assistant Secretary of State; William Brewster, Secretary of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; and William H. Holmes, head of the Smithsonian Institution.

POLICE BEAT HIM, TALAS DECLARES

Third Degree Brought Confession in Nichols Killing, Is His Defence.

POOLROOM MURDER PLAN CALLED A JOKE

Told Conspirators He Would Not "Come In," Feeling Sure of Being Caught.

Declaring that the police by the use of the blackjack and "third degree" methods had wrung from him an untrue confession, Emil Talas, the pale, unshaven panther, took the stand before Judge Malone and a jury in General Sessions yesterday, where he is on trial, charged with the murder of John J. Nichols, of 4 East Elizabeth-street. He recounted, practically all of his story that he knew of the plot to rob his mistress on the night of September 8.

Talas broke down completely early in his story, when he told the jury how he and Edith Langfeld, the maid, tried to revive Mrs. Nichols in the library after Eddie Lehto and Arthur Waltemo, who had robbed her, had left the house. When he recovered his composure Talas told of the alleged attacks by the detectives.

They took me into the yellow room of the library and locked the door," said Talas. "Detective Enright began to call me bad names. Then he hit me in the face every five or ten minutes. He grabbed me by the right arm and twisted it and kicked me in the stomach so hard I couldn't talk. He grabbed me by the collar and flung me around and struck me in the face again. I had to put up with this for an hour or more; that one was all smashed up," Talas said.

The witness said he kept silent because he feared to let the police know that he recognized Lehto and Waltemo. He said he had no idea who they were until he saw them in the newspaper. He said he would not speak to them when they quit the house "because they had done a thing like this. A few minutes later they had admitted that they had harmed Mrs. Nichols."

In one breath Talas insisted he wanted to call the police, and in the next he said that while going into the Langfelds' house he had given the alarm. Mr. Broderick likewise brought out that even before Talas had admitted Waltemo was one of the murderers, he had taken the police to a wrong address in an attempt to give the alarm. Several hours afterward, when he had made his confession, he took the detectives to the right address, but Waltemo was gone.

The case will probably go to the jury to-night.

MAIL DELAY TO GO ON

Bids Made a Year Ago for Devices Here Rejected.

Washington, Oct. 28.—All bids for carrying the mail by the most expeditious mechanical mail-hand devices, after being considered for more than a year, have been rejected, and new specifications will be drawn on which bids will be invited.

In the meantime the present delay in handling the mail in New York City, due to the inadequate equipment of the post office, will have to continue until the new specifications are drawn, the contract awarded and the work done.

WHITMAN LAUDS U. S. HEROES

Speaks at 19th Anniversary of Battle of White Plains.

Governor and Mrs. Whitman were the guests of honor at White Plains yesterday afternoon at the celebration of the 19th anniversary of the battle of White Plains, fought October 28, 1776. The Governor spoke at the unveiling of a monument, on which is a cannon. He said in part: "We are proud of the patriotism, devotion and heroism manifested by the American citizen soldiers, fighting for their homes and their liberty. We are proud of the devotion to our shores that they should learn of the privations and suffering our forefathers endured in their fight for freedom."

After the ceremonies the Governor and Mrs. Whitman and a few other guests were entertained at a reception in the White Plains Club. The exercises were held under the auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The invocation was by the Rev. Francis S. Hunnewell. The gun on the monument was taken from the sloop "Columbia" of the village by John J. Brown, village president.

BLACK FACE FOUR GET PIER THIEVES

Disguised as Negroes, Detectives Make Captures in \$20,000 Robberies.

Four detectives, disguised as negro detectives, yesterday put an end to the system of robbing which in the last few weeks has robbed the Savannah Line of goods valued by the police at \$20,000.

A group of laborers on Pier 35 went on strike on October 14, and the men's places were taken by twenty negroes, who the company believed did not know one another. After a few days goods began to disappear, and the officials notified Commissioner Woods.

The detectives, Leonard, Mahler, Willis and McManus, in the case, and after they had acquired delightful Southern accents they had a make-up man color their faces to the true African shade.

Three days ago the quartet was put to work unloading a liner in company with the twenty employees. The detectives soon learned that the score had been made by the negroes, with officers, including a treasurer who got the money obtained by disposing of the stolen goods.

Last night when the gang quit work they followed four out to 223 West Sixty-first Street. There they arrested Henry Lewis, of that address; Neapolitan Boise, of 247 West Sixty-first Street; and Charles Fraser, of 222 West Sixty-second Street. The three had made the three raids made of yesterday with \$150 worth of goods.

The prisoners were taken to Police Headquarters, where they were locked up, charged with grand larceny, and accompanied by Charles Wolfe, foreman on the pier. The detectives questioned them for several hours, where they admitted they had stolen anything from the time they had left the pier. They estimated that they had taken \$50,000 or \$75,000 worth of goods in two weeks. The police, however, were more inclined to place the figure at \$20,000 after they had talked with officials of the company.

WHITMAN CALLS FOR THANKS

New York Governor Proclaims Observation of November 25.

\$3,000,000, ENO'S PUBLIC BEQUESTS

Will Divides \$7,644,000 Among Relatives and Institutions.

\$1,800,000 IS GIVEN TO AID YOUNG MEN

Amos R. E. and G. Pinchot, Nephews, Each Receives \$250,000; Columbia Residuary Legatee.

Almost \$3,000,000 is left to public institutions by the will of Amos F. Eno, filed yesterday, in the Surrogate's Court. The largest of these bequests is \$1,800,000 to the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, to which the testator gave \$200,000 in his lifetime. This is to be paid after all the trusts created by the will are established and the other legacies are paid. The society was organized to give free instruction to young men to qualify them for trade and professions.

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