

OBJECTION Is Made to Stenographer's DIVULGING

Defense Raises Point that Stenographer Could Not Reveal Knowledge Gained in Pursuit of Her Duties as an Employee of General Ford.

[By Associated Press.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 30.—Charles Hagerty, Abe Ruef's office boy, Miss Celia McDermott, "confidential stenographer" to T. L. Ford, and Mrs. Emma Lonergan, wife of former Supervisor Thomas F. Lonergan, whom Ford is accused of having bribed, were the most interesting of the various witnesses who testified today for the prosecution in the trial of the general counsel of the United Railroads. Young Hagerty told of a visit paid by the United Railroads officials to Ruef's temporary quarters at 2432 Pine street after the fire, when, desiring privacy, Ruef, Ford and Thorndell Mullally retired into the bathroom for conversation behind closed doors. This bathroom, said Hagerty, served as Ruef's private offices. Hagerty once carried a note from Ruef to General Ford. It was sealed and he did not know its contents. This was soon after the empanelment of the Oliver Grand Jury. In the summer of 1906 he observed Ruef enter his office with a shirt box under his arm. According to the prosecution it contained \$50,000 in small bank notes for the bribing of supervisors. The defense raised the objection that Miss McDermott could not divulge as a witness information gained in the pursuit of her duties as stenographer to General Ford. The prosecution retorted that the law throws no such protection around that relation when the commission of crime or fraud is involved. Judge Lawlor will rule on the point tomorrow. Mrs. Lonergan verified her husband's confession of guilt by telling how he brought home and gave her \$4000, alleged to have been paid him as a bribe by the United Railroads.

NEARLY PERISH ON THE DESERT

SAN BERNARDINO, Sept. 30.—Tolling for weary weeks over the pitiless desert, without the experience necessary to lessen its dangers, and only a crude map to guide her, Mrs. Jennie Grimes had a narrow escape from perishing with her four children while driving overland from Utah, only their timely discovery by miners saved them. She started from Salt Lake early in August, determined to reach Los Angeles and find her husband, who had left her several months ago. Everything went well until after the party had left the Muddy river, in Nevada. Then she lost her way.

Caught in sand and rain storms, the children came down with raging fevers. The water supply ran low, and for two days the horses were without a drop of water to drink. In this plight they headed for Death valley, where Henry and Paul Morrison encountered them. The three children were delirious and one horse had died. Stranded thus, the little party would have perished. They had gone over 200 miles out of their way. Tonight they passed through here on their way to Los Angeles.

METEOR BURSTS NEAR COLTON

COLTON, Sept. 30.—With a report like a sharp clap of thunder, followed by rattling sounds like musketry fire, a huge meteor burst over Mount Slover ten minutes after midnight this morning, startling the people of the valley for miles around. Persons who chanced to be out say they saw an immense red bar shoot out of the sky, becoming gradually more brilliant, and shedding a dazzling blue and white light as it appeared to strike the mountain and explode and illuminate the streets so that a newspaper could easily be read. This lasted several minutes. Similar reports come from other towns.

Close examination of the round summit today reveal no great depression, but many signs of grinding contact with some object, rocks being broken and scattered in all directions. The mountain is a freak, rising abruptly from the level plain to a height of 600 feet. It is a mile in diameter and composed entirely of cement, lime rock and marble, lime predominating. The theory is advanced that the meteor's intense heat bearing against the lime may have caused the dazzling illumination.

TESTIMONY Showing Fraud Must Be PRESENTED

Federal Judge Tires of Beating About the Bush by Attorneys for Prosecution in Borah Case and Demands Evidence

[By Associated Press.]

BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 30.—Federal Judge Whitson, who is presiding at the trial of United States Senator William E. Borah, notified the prosecution today that the case had reached a point where some testimony connecting the defendant on trial with the Idaho land frauds conspiracy must be presented. The attorneys for the government, acting on this suggestion, said they would offer in evidence tomorrow the records of the county clerk's office showing that scores of timber deeds had been admitted to record at the request of Senator Borah. "We thought that matter was conceded when we allowed the deeds themselves to go into evidence without protest," put in Hawley, chief counsel for the defense. Mr. Burch, of the prosecution, said he desired the county record in evidence regardless of the admissions of the defense. The trial went on this afternoon after the abandonment of the morning session because of the illness of one of the jurors, which was thought for a time to be such as to cause an hour's delay in the conclusion of the case. The testimony again had to do largely with the action of former Governor Steunenberg in land dealing. Attorney Hawley protested against witnesses being allowed to give conversations with Steunenberg. He said they had no bearing on Senator Borah's case and tended only "to blacken the memory of a man who could not answer." The liveliest incident of the day was when L. G. Chapman, of the Barber Lumber Company, was called to the stand as a government witness. Chapman brought many books and such correspondence which the government desired, but refused point blank to produce the company's account books showing the amounts paid for timber lands and to whom paid. He declared the information contained in books could not assist the jury in the matter on trial, but might tend to incriminate Chapman, an officer and stockholder in the company. The matter requiring Chapman to produce the books went over until tomorrow. Chapman has his own counsel and Senator Borah's lawyer took no part in the controversy.

DEADLY WEAPONS SUNK IN HARBOR

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Five thousand revolvers, the weapons of murderers, hold-up men and burglars, and more than 800 dirks, daggers, knives, poignards and other samples of the sluttie and of American and European make, today made up the strange cargo of the police boat patrol.

With Commissioner Bingham in command this consignment from the property clerk's department at police headquarters was put aboard a police cutter and taken far down New York bay where it would be impossible for the arms ever again to be brought to light. The commissioner stood on the bow of the boat and gave the order to consign them to the deep. "One at a time, boys," he said as he watched two full-dressed policemen lift each of the thirty-two casks and heave them over the side of the boat.

LICENSE GIVEN AN ALASKAN ROAD

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—The war department today granted a license to the Alaska Home Railway company to construct a line of railroad through Keystone canyon, Alaska. The canyon is a military reservation and is the only means of entrance to the rich copper fields which the railroad company desires to reach. The Copper River and Northwestern Railroad company has had a license to build a road through the canyon for some time, and there has been much rivalry between the two companies for the right to use the pass. Recently several workmen were wounded in a riot between employees of rival companies.

The license was regarded as so important that it was wired to the company. General Greeley, commanding the department of the Columbia, has been instructed to protect the company in its rights under the license.

Swedish Yacht Club Desires Race for Cup

[By Associated Press.]

(By Associated Press). STOCKHOLM, Sept. 30.—The Swedish Yacht Club has addressed an inquiry to the New York Yacht Club as to whether the latter would accept a Swedish challenge for the America cup.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—The cablegram received September 25 by the New York Yacht Club from the Royal Swedish Yacht Club asking if a challenge from the Swedish club would be accepted and what rules and conditions governed the America cup contest, was answered by Secretary Cormack of the New York club mailing a copy of the resolutions dispatched to Sir Thomas Lipton in response to his challenge. This will probably not reach there for a week.

SURVEYORS SHOT BY THEIR RIVALS

[By Associated Press.]

SEATTLE, Sept. 30.—A special dispatch from Valdez, Alaska, says: Forces of the Guggenheim railroad, the Copper River and Northern, shot and wounded six surveyors and workmen employed by the Alaska Home Railway in Keystone canyon, fifteen miles from Valdez, yesterday. The party was making a preliminary survey for the Home Railroad, which is planned from Valdez to the Summit.

The men had advanced about 100 yards up the canyon when they were surprised by an ambush of the Guggenheim men, headed by Edward Hassey, an ex-United States marshal. Hassey saw the surveyors and ordered them to stop, saying his men would shoot if any further advance was made. The surveyors believed that Hassey was bluffing and continued work. They were met by a fusillade of bullets.

Only meager details have been received of the battle between the Guggenheim forces and Home Railway men near Valdez, but it is reported that one man was killed and three more may die from their wounds. The cable says that the wounded men were shot at from ambush and had no chance to escape or make a fight. It is stated that deputy United States marshals armed with rifles left immediately for the scene and at the latest reports were scouring the woods for the guilty persons. An ambulance was also sent to the canyon. One of the men shot is named Hickman. The advices state that popular feeling is running higher and that citizens are talking of wreaking summary justice.

RESIGNATION. AN ORDER OF DAY

[By Associated Press.]

NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 30.—Authentic reports tonight disclosed the fact that a number of the heads of departments will resign with Director General Barr of the Jamestown Exposition. John A. Wakefield, chief of concessions, and A. G. Sherwood, the chief of admissions, announce their resignations. It is reported that William Dixon, assistant director general and S. W. Bowles, director of publicity, have resigned.

EMBEZZLER SENT TO JAIL.

E. F. Phillips, Who Robbed Broker, Sent to Prison.

[By Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Edward F. Phillips, 26 years old, a clerk who stole \$8500 from G. B. Salisbury & Co., brokers at 52 Broadway, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Crain of general sessions to the Elmira Reformatory. He said that he began to steal after losing money in the stock market, and then he tried to make up his losses betting on the horse. When he went on his vacation it was discovered that he had been robbing the company.

Phillips was the support of his widowed mother, who lived at 314 Sixth street, Hoboken. A number of teachers and a member of the Stevens family of Hoboken wrote to Judge Crain asking for clemency for him.

HAS NO CONCESSION.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—J. Hamilton Lewis of Chicago, who went to Russia to investigate a project to tunnel the Bering straits and build a railroad connecting Siberia with Alaska, reports that he found that the Russian government has not granted a concession for the Siberian end of the tunnel. He said that the Russian government would not make such a concession and that it is regarded by the Russians as undesirable for military reasons.

MUST ANSWER TO BLACKMAIL CHARGE

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 30.—J. Whyte Evans, capitalist, real estate man and former president of the United Street Railways of Portland, Or., appeared in Justice Selph's court today to prosecute Dr. J. S. Owens, whom he accuses of attempted extortion on pain of exposure of Evans' penitentiary record.

Evans identified the letters which he said had been written him by Dr. Owens, demanding the payment of sums of money. At the end of the examination, in the course of which there was considerable argument between opposing counsel, Dr. Owens was held to answer to the Superior Court on two counts of alleged blackmail. Bond in each was fixed at \$2000.

The two letters on which the charges are based were written from Los Angeles to Evans while the latter was at Portland. Both contained an abundance of artistic invective that is worthy of being classed as literature. In both the writer demands the payment of certain alleged just debts. There is no direct threat to expose Evans, but the prosecution held, and the court ruled, that a threat was clearly implied by pointed allusions to a penitentiary sentence served by Evans and to alleged shady dealings of the latter.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 30.—Detroit and Philadelphia played seventeen innings today, 9 to 9. The game was called on account of darkness.

MINERS WOUND BANDIT.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 30.—A dispatch from Durango says that a party of American mining men have been attacked by Julian Reyes, the notorious bandit leader, and his men in the mountains of that State. The Americans resisted the attack with rifles and pistols, and fatally wounded Reyes. None of the Americans were wounded.

BEAVERS RELEASED.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 30.—George W. Beavers, formerly of the postoffice department, who was sentenced to imprisonment in connection with postal frauds several years ago, was released from the penitentiary at Moundsville, W. Va., tonight.

TWO-CENT FARE COSTLY.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 30.—According to statements made by officials of the various railroads in the State, the operation of the two-cent passenger fare law has cost the Missouri roads \$1,500,000 during the past three months.

MELVIN BRINGS SUIT FOR DAMAGES

[By Associated Press.]

OAKLAND, Sept. 30.—Judge Melvin, formerly grand exalted ruler of the Elks, has commenced suit in the superior court of Alameda county against the Oakland Traction Company for the sum of \$319,435 for damages sustained by his wife, his friend, Senator Lukens, and himself. The accident occurred a year ago.

The Melvins and the senator, together with Carlton Wall of Alameda, made up an automobile party on September 26th of last year. Wall was driving the machine and at Ninth avenue and East Sixteenth street the machine collided with a car of the Traction Company. All four were thrown out and seriously injured.

Each of the plaintiffs ask for \$100,000. Lukens claims his law practice, amounting to \$10,000 a year, was damaged to the extent of \$3500. He also puts in a bill for \$9000 for medical services and \$100 for drugs. Negotiations are pending for a settlement.

KIPLING COMING WEST.

MONTREAL, Sept. 30.—Rudyard Kipling, accompanied by Mrs. Kipling, has arrived here. Kipling expects to remain in Montreal for a few weeks, after which he will cross Canada to the Pacific Coast. He will return to Eastern Canada, but after that he said his plans were undecided.

BURNED TO DEATH.

PACIFIC GROVE, Sept. 30.—Walter Harbut was burned to death yesterday while sleeping in his room in Mrs. John Slote's house on Pacific street. Fire broke out below him in the kitchen and the heat and smoke apparently suffocated him.

ROCKEFELLER TO THE AID OF THAW

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Mrs. William Thaw, the mother of Harry K. Thaw, who killed Stanford White, arrived today. As she traveled under an assumed name, Mrs. Thaw was not recognized until just before the boat landed. She refused to discuss the next trial of her son.

Contemporary with the arrival of Mrs. Thaw comes news by way of Pittsburg that Roger O'Mara, who has charge of obtaining evidence for Harry Thaw, intimated that John D. Rockefeller has placed his wealth at the disposal of Mrs. William K. Thaw to keep her son from the insane asylum or the electric chair. O'Mara said that during a recent visit to Cleveland he called on Rockefeller. The latter asked him for details of the Thaw-White tragedy. Rockefeller was surprised to learn that Mrs. Thaw had mortgaged her property, Lyndhurst, in Pittsburg, to pay the expenses of her son's trial. While O'Mara would not admit it point blank, he intimated that the Thaws were invited to draw on the Rockefeller purse for financial assistance. Rockefeller and William Thaw, the father of Harry, were business friends.

THE METAL MARKET.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 30.—Bar silver, 67 1/2; lead, \$4.60 to \$4.75; Lake copper, 14 1/2 to 15.