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WILL FLATLY DENY SPEAR'S TESTIMONY

Hobson Says There Is No Chance of Mistaking What Submarine Official Meant.

HIS SECRETARY GOING ON STAND

He Asked Investigating Committee Three Times to be Allowed to Testify But was Refused, But Upon Hobson's Request He Will be Allowed to Tell His Story.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—Edgar Clark, secretary to Representative Hobson, will be the first witness called by the submarine investigating committee when its session is resumed tomorrow. Mr. Clark is expected to flatly contradict the sworn testimony of former Naval Constructor Lawrence Spear, now vice president and naval architect for the Electric Boat Company, in which he denied the truth of the sworn statement of Representative Hobson that he had approached Hobson and told Hobson that the Electric Boat Company had influence with Speaker Cannon, and that if Hobson stood firm on submarines this influence would be brought to bear to secure his assignment to the committee on naval affairs.

Mr. Hobson made formal request for the committee to place Mr. Clark on the stand, the latter's offer to testify having been three times turned aside by the committee.

In an interview Mr. Hobson said: "The statements made to the investigating committee were absolutely correct. Mr. Spear, after approaching the subject in a round-about manner, did inform Secretary Clark that his company had influence with the speaker and was willing to use that influence to secure my assignment to the naval committee in return for a friendly attitude on my part toward submarines. The statement by Mr. Spear so astonished my secretary and made such a vivid impression on his mind, he informs me he practically can repeat Mr. Spear's words."

"Mr. Clark at once acquainted me with Mr. Spear's visit and his offer and subsequently Mr. Spear called on the telephone and repeated to me personally his declaration of influence with the speaker, and his offer to use it in my behalf. There is not the slightest possibility for any mistake or misunderstanding on my part as to what Mr. Spear did and said and meant."

CLYDE LINER CHIPPEWA TOWED TO NEW YORK

She Had Lost Her Propeller and Tailshaft and Was Brought Back With Difficulty.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, March 18.—The Clyde liner Chippewa, Captain Devoreaux, reported as having lost her propeller and tailshaft while on her voyage from Jacksonville, arrived here today in tow of the Clyde liner Kathadin, Captain Maguire.

The Chippewa, after being disabled was towed into Jacksonville by the steamer Onondaga of the same line. She left Jacksonville March 10 in tow of the steamer Apache, Captain Staples, of the same line, the intention being to bring the disabled steamer direct to New York for repairs but in two days the attempt was abandoned and the Chippewa was left at Brunswick, Ga.

Two days later in March the Kathadin bound from Jacksonville to Boston called at Brunswick and took charge of the Chippewa to bring her north. The two steamers arrived inside Sandy Hook at 4:42 p. m. When the Kathadin turned over her disabled companionship to the tugs Raymond and Dalzell which brought her to dock.

The Kathadin proceeded toward her destination.

The Chippewa will be fitted with a new propeller and have her machinery repaired.

PITTSBURG VISITED BY CLOUDBURST AND STORM

Number of Houses and Barns Struck by Lightning and Burned—Flood is Looked For.

(By Association Press)
PITTSBURG, PA., March 18.—Much damage was done by a cloudburst and accompanying storm here tonight. A

number of houses and barns were destroyed. The storm was general in this section. At Irwin three buildings were struck by lightning and flooded streams tied up the Irwin Greensburg electric railroad.

In Washington county many buildings were struck by lightning and burned.

Three gas well derricks were blown down at Seolville. Rivers in all sections are rising rapidly and rains at the headwaters threaten Pittsburg with another flood.

A stage of 20 feet, two feet below the danger line, is expected by morning and an ultimate stage of 30 feet is not improbable.

IOWA DELEGATES ARE INSTRUCTED FOR TAFT

Platform Has Plank Calling for Revision of Tariff at Special Session of Congress.

(By Associated Press)
DES MOINES, IOWA, March 18.—The Republican state convention today elected four delegates at large to the national convention, instructed them to vote for William H. Taft for the presidential nomination, and endorsed Senator W. B. Allison for reelection; approved the plank of the Ohio platform calling for a revision of the tariff at a special session of Congress and adjourned finally.

Senator Allison's adherents dominated the convention. Followers of Governor A. B. Cummings declared that they forced the endorsement of a revision of the tariff.

Supporters of Allison insisted that there were as many revisionists in their ranks as those of Cummings.

Friends of Allison were quick to retort and ironic sallies set the convention in frequent roars of laughter.

Governor Guild Very Ill.
BASTON, MASS., March 18.—It was announced tonight that Governor Guild, who has been ill for two weeks, is in a critical condition. The physician found him so ill that it was necessary to call other physicians into consultation.

SENATE HONORS WHYTE

Didn't Hold Committee Meetings Because of Marylander's Death.

LARGE NUMBER TO ATTEND FUNERAL

The Services Will be Held in Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church in Baltimore Tomorrow Afternoon. Family Desires a Quiet Funeral.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—There was a full attendance of the Senate today when at the beginning of the session Senator Whyte, of Maryland, announced the death of his colleague, William Pinckney Whyte. At the request of the family no formal funeral will be held, and no committee was appointed by the Senate to attend the services, but a remarkable tribute to his long life and achievements were paid by Mr. Rayner. After adopting the usual resolutions the Senate adjourned out of respect to the memory of the late Senator, having been in session only six minutes.

No work was done today by any of the committees of which Senator Whyte was a member.

A meeting had been called by Chairman Cullom, of the foreign relations committee, and Secretary of State Root appeared to explain some of the treaties negotiated at The Hague.

The committee decided, however, to adjourn without taking up the treaties.

At the request of a large number of Senators, Sergeant-at-Arms Randall arranged to secure a train to convey to Baltimore the members of the Senate who may wish to attend the funeral.

When the announcement of the death of Senator Whyte reached the House Mr. Gill offered resolutions of respect. In accordance with the request of the family the usual committee to attend the funeral was not appointed, but the resolutions were adopted, and as a further mark of respect the House adjourned.

Funeral on Friday Afternoon.
BALTIMORE, MD., March 18.—The funeral of William Pinckney Whyte, who died here last night of erysipelas, will be held Friday afternoon at Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal church.

In conformity with the wishes of the family it will be a quiet one, but it is expected that a great multitude will be present to honor the memory of "Maryland's grand old man."

HARRY ORCHARD TOLD TRUTH, SAYS JUDGE

Justice Who Presided at Trials of Heywood and Pettibone Trials Makes Statement.

HE RECOMMENDS PARDON FOR HIM

Compelled to Sentence Orchard to the Gallows Because He Pleaded Guilty to Charge of Murder in the First Degree, But Believes He Shouldn't be Hanged.

(By Associated Press)
CALDWELL, IDAHO, March 18.—Stating that he believed that Harry Orchard, in his testimony in the trials of William D. Haywood and George A. Pettibone, for the murder of ex-Governor Frank Steunenburg told the exact truth, attempting to conceal nothing, Judge Fromont Wood in the District Court, today recommended that the state board of pardons commute Orchard's sentence of death to imprisonment in the state penitentiary.

The sentence of death was pronounced in accordance with the plea of guilty entered by Orchard, Tuesday of last week, when arraigned.

Judge Wood presided at both the Haywood and Pettibone trials. In sentencing Orchard and recommending the commutation of his sentence, Judge Wood reviewed the case from the time of the killing of Frank Steunenburg to the present including the arrest of Orchard, his confession, the arrest of Charles E. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners; William D. Haywood, secretary of the Federation, and George A. Pettibone, the trials of Haywood and Pettibone and the plea of guilty entered by Orchard to the charge of murder in the first degree, the punishment for which is death, under the Idaho statutes.

After the court proceedings, Orchard was taken back to Boise and placed in the prison. The board of pardons meets on April 1.

POSTMASTER FOUGHT BURGLARS ALL ALONE

Wounded One So Seriously That He Will Die But Two Others Make Their Escape.

NYACK, N. Y., March 18.—Postmaster David J. Smith, of West Nyack, made a single-handed attack early today upon three burglars who had dynamited the postoffice safe and wounded one of the men so severely that it is believed he will die. The others escaped. Postmaster Smith was not injured. The wounded man, who has been brought to a hospital here, gave his name as Edward Murphy, and his age as 38 years. Beyond that he would tell nothing about himself. Mr. Smith's living apartments are directly over the postoffice. Early this morning he was roused by the sound of an explosion and after arming himself rushed down stairs. He found that the safe in the postoffice had been wrecked and saw three men gathering up coins which had been scattered over the office by the explosion. When Smith rushed into the office the men stood their ground for a moment but a shot from the postmaster's revolver struck one of them and he fell.

The two other robbers, who escaped, got away with about \$4 in cash.

SAYS A BIG METEOR JUST MISSED THE SHIP

Immense Aerolite, Declares Captain of the Ocean, Raised High Waves About Vessel.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 18.—Early escaping destruction by a meteor weighing many tons, in mid-ocean, the Dutch steamship Ocean, which arrived here today, was almost enveloped by huge waves following the disappearance of the aerolite into the sea, according to Captain Benkert. Immediately after the meteor struck the sea the impact caused huge waves to sweep over the vessel.

Many of the crew became ill from the effects of the gas, which Captain Benkert declares would have asphyxiated them had they not sought shelter below decks. The gas remained in the atmosphere for more than 10 minutes, and when Captain Benkert and his men ventured on deck they found it covered with a

peculiar brownish powder which fell from the sky. Then followed, according to Captain Benkert, a shower of blazing meteors which began to fall about the vessel, the phenomena lasting several minutes.

The sea about the vessel became phosphorescent, and as far as the eye could see, the men aboard the Ocean lay, dazing objects of every color danced about on the sea. The remarkable sight, according to the log of the Ocean, was witnessed at 3 o'clock in the morning of March 4, while the steamer was in latitude 39.59 north, and longitude 71.27 west, lasting 30 minutes.

AVERT LYNCHING OF A NEGRO MURDERER

Harden Moore, Who Killed Rockingham Farmer for Bottle of Gin-ger Ale Escapes Mob.

(By Associated Press)
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., March 18.—Harden Moore, a negro, was brought from the Stokes county jail to the Forsyth prison at three o'clock this morning for safe keeping.

The sheriff of Stokes was advised that an attempt would be made last night to lynch the negro, who stands charged with killing William Christopher a Rockingham farmer, at Pine Hall, Christmas day.

A telephone message from Danbury says the expected mob did not show up there last night.

Moore was badly excited when he arrived here. He declares that he shot Christopher in self-defense. The men fell out over a bottle of ginger ale. The negro fled to Ohio and was captured last month.

ANTI-POOL ROOM LAW ADOPTED IN KENTUCKY

It Was Only After a Hard Fight That Friends of the Measure Had It Passed.

(By Associated Press)
FRANKFORT, KY., March 18.—With the passing of the anti-pool-room law which provides heavy penalty for operating a pool-room except during race meetings, the 1908 session of the Kentucky legislature adjourned early today. Only by the most heroic methods were friends of the bill able to bring it out to be voted on. A precedent of years was overturned when an unfavorable committee on rules was ousted from control of the floor. The bill was passed by a vote of 58 to 4.

A bill for the appropriation of a half million dollars for the completion of the state capitol was passed by a vote of 61 to 21. Several bills carrying large appropriations for state institutions were also passed.

HOTEL MANAGER JUMPS DOWN ELEVATOR SHAFT

But an Ascending Car Prevents Him From Carrying Out Desire to End His Life.

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, ILL., March 18.—George B. McGuire, who said he recently had been manager of the Park and Duval hotels at Jacksonville, Fla., attempted to kill himself today by jumping down an elevator shaft from the seventh floor of the Auditorium building. He landed on an ascending car at the fourth floor and was not injured. McGuire admitted he had jumped down the shaft with suicidal intent. He was taken to the Harrison street police station, where he acted so strangely that his hands and feet were strapped to a chair to prevent him from trying again to end his life by butting his head against the walls of his cell.

In explanation of his despondency McGuire said he had lost his good position in Florida.

NOT MARRIED, MAN AND GIRL SENT TO PRISON

Berney Westcott and Mamie Blackburn, Eighteen Years Old, Serving Terms for Offense.

STANTON, VA., March 18.—Berney Westcott and Mamie Blackburn, of Basic City, are in jail here to serve six months each for living together in violation of the law.

The girl is eighteen years old. While in jail at Basic City two men broke the lock and liberated her, but she was recaptured.

The man was seen on a freight train here and when an officer tried to arrest him he escaped and returned to Basic City. He was soon captured.

MAYFLOWER'S NEW COMMANDER

(By Associated Press)
NEW ORLEANS, LA., March 18.—The United States dispatch boat Mayflower, the President's yacht, arrived in New Orleans today and will remain here pending a change in commanders. Lieutenant Commander Vogelgesang will be succeeded in command of the Mayflower by Commander Thomas Snowden.

ORGANIZED LABOR TO PROTEST TO CONGRESS

Will Present Strong Memorial Against Further Inaction on Labor Legislation.

CONFERENCE HELD IN WASHINGTON

Said to be One of the Most Representative Gatherings of Labor Interests Ever Held—Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and Farmers Represented.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—That a memorial formally protesting against the inaction of Congress in the matter of legislation in the interest of organized labor and clearly setting forth its demands with respect thereto, would be presented to the leaders of that body within a few days, was considered as the most important action taken at today's session of the labor conference. The duty will devolve upon one of the two committees appointed by President Gompers today termed the "protest committee" which was directed to from an address to be presented to those responsible for legislation in Congress pointing out the failure of Congress to enact needed legislation and setting forth the demands of labor on the subject. It was also decided to ask the leaders in Congress to fix upon a time when a committee from the labor conference can confer with them.

It is understood that the memorial will call attention to the recent injunction decisions of the Supreme Court against labor organizations asking that the Sherman anti-trust law be so amended as to afford relief.

The committee on labor was authorized to draft a memorial to be sent to the members of the various labor organizations and the people generally, setting forth the prevailing conditions among workmen, and calling attention to what organized labor demands at the hands of the Federal government.

Representative Labor Gathering.
The conference which is composed of representatives from the 117 national and international trade unions, or 27,000 local unions, is regarded as one of the most representative gatherings in the history of organized labor.

Formal organization was effected by the election of President Gompers as permanent chairman and Frank Morrison as secretary. President Gompers made an address in which he outlined the object of the gathering, saying that while it was called primarily to consider the recent injunction decisions of the Supreme Court, other questions also would be considered.

A feature of the gathering was the presence for the first time in the history of labor gatherings of delegates representing the Farmers' National Union and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, which two bodies have never affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, except in a fraternal way.

GENERALS SMYRNOFF AND FOCK FIGHT DUEL

Former Fatally Wounded by Latter in Riding School—Fought at Close Range.

(By Associated Press)
ST. PETERSBURG, March 18.—Lieutenant General Smyrnof was probably fatally wounded in a duel fought here this morning with Lieutenant General Fock. The men met in the riding school of the Chevalier Guard Regiment and fought with pistols, standing close to each other when the shots were exchanged.

The duel was caused by the memorandum written by General Smyrnof on the siege of Port Arthur which he questioned the courage of General Fock. The latter considered that his honor and reputation were involved and challenged the author of the memorandum.

General Smyrnof was acting commander of Port Arthur during the siege and at the time of its surrender to the Japanese. After his return to Russia he prepared a secret report of the defense of Port Arthur which was the basis of the indictments on which Lieutenant General Fock and Major General Reiss were tried for their lives before the supreme court martial. General Stoessel was accused

of cowardice and incapacity, and General Fock, according to the indictment, displayed through incapacity and want of judgment.

The outcome of the trial was the sentencing to death of General Stoessel, which finding was commuted to ten years imprisonment, while General Fock was ordered to be reprimanded for a disciplinary offense.

General Smyrnof was also on trial before the court martial charged with having failed to remove General Fock from his command, although he suspected an agreement between Generals Stoessel and Fock to surrender the fortress. He was acquitted of this charge.

FRANKLIN FIELD TO LAND ARMY AND NAVY GAME

Big Football Game Will be in All Probability Played in Philadelphia Again.

(By Associated Press)
PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 18.—The Pennsylvania athletic authorities have made a new proposition to the West Point and Annapolis football management by which all hands will receive more seats for the annual football game than ever before, and which it is confidently expected will end all controversy and land the army and navy game for Franklin field again next November.

Plans have been made by a local contractor by which low temporary movable seats will be erected all around the gridiron capable of seating 10,000 additional persons. The scheme will do away with the objections raised by the university trustees against the big temporary stand formerly erected at the west end of Franklin field, and at the same time will furnish 5,000 more seats than that stand.

This will increase the seating capacity of Franklin field to 30,000.

STEEPLECHASE FULL OF ACCIDENTS.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., March 18.—The steeplechase at City Park today was productive of accidents. John Dillon and Darlo both fell, but their riders escaped injury. Kemp Ridgely the even money favorite, romped in an easy winner, with Dr. Logan, at 7 to 2, second. Weather clear, track fast.

COTTON AND GAMBLING

Representative Hefflin Denounces the New York Exchange.

PRODUCER HAS NO SHOW WHATEVER

United States is Losing a Great Trade, He Asserts, Because of the Tricks of the Speculators in the Large Cities.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—In the course of a discussion of the cotton industry, Mr. Hefflin, Alabama, in the House of Representatives today referred to the falling off of the trade of this country in that staple. He declared that the South was not only the greatest region in the world for cotton, but had demonstrated that there was no other place in the world where cotton could be manufactured so cheaply and profitably.

And yet, he said, England, China and Japan were getting most of the trade in cotton goods. If the United States wanted a fair share of that trade it must go after it.

He pleaded that cotton producers should be put upon the same basis as any manufacturer or mercantile business. The one obstacle that stood in the way of buying and selling cotton in the open, he declared, was the New York Cotton Exchange which was the "rottenest on earth" and the various "bucket shops." He called upon Congress to act "and not be deceived by a suggestion from the White House that at some time in the pale and distant future a commission may be appointed to look into the speculators' hands."

"The producers," he asserted, "have suffered the horrors that come from the gambling exchange year after year.

There was an army of producers in the West and an army of producers in the South marching through their representatives to this chamber, asking you to act now and drive from power the gamblers in the exchanges in Chicago and New York."

Replying to a question by Mr. Fitzgerald, New York, as to whether there had been any complaints of injustice done by the exchange in trading cotton, Mr. Hefflin charged that the exchange had discriminated

against the producers.

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REPUBLICAN PARTY CORRUPT AND SERVILE

Representative Hull Scathingly Arraigns Party in Power at Washington.

ROOSEVELT NOW THE CONSTITUTION

Purpose of President is Not to Follow Constitution, But to Make Constitution Follow Him—Republicans Will Always Attempt to Shield Criminal Plutocracy.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—"Drunk with power, the Republican party has become inert and inefficient, corrupt and servile. It has achieved its manifest destiny. It has neither reformed nor reformed. It failed to look at the sign boards and ran the car of prosperity onto a commercial turndown."

In these words Mr. Hull, of Tennessee, in the House of Representatives today expressed his opinion of the Republican party.

"Having thus prescribed," he said, "our Republican friends should cheerfully take the dose of their own medicine, however bitter, that inevitably awaits them at the polls in November next."

Mr. Hull discussed the issues of the day and arraigned the Republicans for failing to provide remedial legislation that the country was demanding.

Mr. Hull asserted that he was not one of those Democrats who thought Mr. Bryan would place Mr. Roosevelt in nomination for President. Although the President had deemed it wise to embrace certain Democratic doctrines, he had not committed the Republican party to them, but instead referred to them as "my policies." He was not so sure but what this controversy between the President and "swollen wealth" is not possible of early reconciliation.

While the President had done many admirable things, said Mr. Hull, at the same time had contributed "more than all other influences of the past and present generation to the creation of a line of vicious and evil precedents that would be a lasting curse to the worst despotism in the world."

Roosevelt the Constitution.
He charged that the President's contempt for plain mandates of the constitution had become proverbial. The only problem with the President, he declared, was how not to follow the constitution as it is written, expounded and construed by the fathers, "but how to make the constitution follow him on his journey to the north pole of paternalism. Democracy registered a loud protest against such flagrant executive usurpation."

Mr. Hull contended that the Republican party had not led a sinless life. "It has debauched the public conscience and established a government of arbitrary power for one of clearly defined, limited power, under which the rights and liberties of the people might find protection. It has no fixed doctrines, save the protective tariff, but blind subservency to corporate wealth and paternalism, and only a spirit of brigandage and commercialism blinds it to these."

What was orthodox today, said he, was blasphemy tomorrow, and he asserted that whether the Republicans nominated a radical or a conservative for the presidency this year they would adopt a platform of platitudes "loud in their pretended condemnation of 'predatory wealth' and in their mock professions of loyalty to the people's interests."

Wearing a Thin Disguise.
To do other than endorse "my policies," he said, would be to invoke annihilation. If the conservative element supported the ticket nominated the American people would be assured that after election "the party will throw off its thin disguise and again disclose its old set of policies designed to shield the criminal plutocracy."

In that event, he declared, "a Roosevelt or a radical Republican would then become no more than a little malignant pustule on the Republican elephant."

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