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Noted Wireless Promoter,
Who Was Arrested in West
On Federal Indictment.



LEE DE FOREST ARRESTED

Wireless Promoter Nabbed Under New York Federal Indictment.

San Francisco, April 2.—Lee De Forest, the wireless promoter, was arrested at Palo Alto on a warrant issued on an indictment found against him by the federal grand jury in New York. The indictment charges the use of the mails to defraud.

SCOTT'S QUEST FAILS

Terra Nova Brings Message From British Explorer.

Captain Robert F. Scott's vessel, Terra Nova, which carried the British expedition to the Antarctic, has arrived at Akaroa, a harbor in Banks peninsula, New Zealand, but has not brought back Captain Scott or the members of his expedition. The commander of the Terra Nova brought instead the following brief message from Scott:

"I am remaining in the Antarctic for another winter in order to continue and complete my work."

The latest news sent back by Captain Scott to his base at McMurdo sound, showed that on Jan. 3 he had reached a point 150 miles from the South Pole and was still advancing.

Jury Disagrees in Sugar Trust Trial.

New York, April 2.—The jury in the case of John E. Parsons, Washington B. Thomas, George H. Fraizer and Arthur Donner, charged with violating the criminal clause of the Sherman anti-trust law while directors of the American Sugar Refining company, reported a disagreement in the United States district court.

Girl Killed; Fiance Injured.

Vermillion, O., April 2.—Miss Bernice Lightner, aged twenty, was crushed to death beneath a fast train on the New York, Chicago and St. Louis railroad here, and her fiance, Dr. Russell A. Jewett of Cleveland, sustained a broken leg and other injuries. The couple were walking on a high trestle over the Vermillion river.

Senate Votes for Smoot Pension Act.

The senate rejected the Sherwood dollar-a-day pension bill, which had passed the house, and enacted the Smoot general age and service pension law, which it is estimated will increase the pension roll by \$20,000,000 annually during the next five years.

PASS WOOL BILL CLEAN BILL IS GIVEN LORIMER

Democrats With Aid of Progressive Republicans Pass Bill.

EFFORTS TO RAISE RATES LOSE

Attempt to Substitute Minority Measure is Defeated—Tariff Board Gets Criticism—All but Three Democrats Stand With Their Party.

The wool bill passed the house, 189 to 92, with twenty progressive Republicans voting for it. Representative Rucker (Colo.), who opposed it in debate and answered "present" on the roll call, and Representative France (O.), who voted against it, were the only Democrats who did not line up with the majority.

Representative Payne moved to recommit the bill with instructions to the committee to report the Republican substitute, but this was lost, 165 to 108.

The twenty Republicans who voted for the bill were: Anderson, Lindbergh, Miller, Nelson, Nye, Steener, Stevens, Volsted, Haugen, Hubbard, Akin, Jackson, Murdock, Young, La Follette, Warburton, Lafferty, Hanna, Kent, Norris.

Supporters of the bill declared it would not cut the government's revenue, but would save more than \$50,000,000 a year to consumers because of the readjustment of rates.

All the attempts of the Republicans to amend the bill to increase the rates were lost.

The tariff board came in for criticism in the speech-making.

Representative Kitchin criticized that Senators Smoot and Warren had deliberately imposed on the tariff board to maintain the high duty on wool.

"How is it," he cried, "that sheep growers in Washington are able to raise wool at one-twentieth of a cent a pound and in Wyoming, according to the board's report, a pound costs thirteen cents?"

Mondell replied that wool costs 15 cents to produce in Wyoming.

"And yet," returned Kitchin, "this infallible board shaded that cost price just two cents. The gentleman's estimate discloses the beauty of the system."

WAS AFTER ROOSEVELT

Crazed Pole at Waukesha, Wis., Went to Meeting to Club Colonel.

Colonel Roosevelt was saved from attack by a maniac by the fact that the train he took in passing through Wisconsin did not go through Waukesha.

This was the statement made in the county jail by Charles Schomolla, the crazed Pole who tried to kill Senator Gore with a club during the Wilson meeting.

Schomolla is slightly more rational, though he is still possessed of the delusion that he is Jesus Christ and has a mission to kill. He told the jail authorities he supposed Roosevelt was to pass through Waukesha and speak there. When he went to the Gore meeting he supposed he was going to have a chance to club the colonel.

He says devils told Roosevelt of his plans, and that Senator Gore, whose identity he does not seem to realize, was sent to take Roosevelt's place.

The man became insane from a blow on the head when digging a sewer a year ago.

MINERS SUSPEND WORK

Four Hundred Thousand Men in Central and Eastern Mines Idle.

Four hundred thousand miners quit work this week in the anthracite fields of Pennsylvania and in the "central competitive field" of the bituminous portion of the industry. Officially the movement is a "suspension" of work and whether it is to develop into a widespread strike depends upon the outcome of voting in the union ranks and of conferences between the men and employers next week.

Different from a strike, the miners left pumpmen and others at work to protect the mines from flooding.

WILL ARREST LOONEY

Rock Island Editor to Be Charged With Misuse of Mails.

John Looney, the Rock Island editor whose publication of an attack on Mayor Schriver was followed by the recent riots, may be taken into custody by the federal authorities for sending libelous and obscene matter through the mails. Postoffice Inspector Harry Habel of the Chicago office has been sent to Rock Island to handle the case against the editor. The arrest is expected as soon as Looney has recovered sufficiently from the injuries inflicted on him by the mayor.

POWDER PLANT BLOWS UP

Two Men Killed and Three Others Injured at Wayne, N. J.

The Ladin-Rand powder mills at Wayne, N. J., blew up. The detonation shook the district for miles around.

Three of the buildings of the plant were destroyed. Information as to the further extent of the explosion was not obtainable at the company's offices at Wayne. Two men were killed and three others injured.

Plaza President of Ecuador.

General Leonidas Plaza has been elected president of Ecuador.

Majority of Committee Holds Senator No. Guilty.

HINES IS ALSO EXONERATED.

Resolution Acquits Lumber Magnate, Accused of "Putting Him Over" With \$100,000 of Wrongdoing—Senate Will Consider Report Next Week.

Washington, March 29.—Senator Lorimer of Illinois won an overwhelming vindication at the hands of the special committee of eight senators who have finished a second investigation of his election by the Illinois legislature in 1909.

Twice challenged and once acquitted, the committee by votes of 5 to 3 on all vital points completely exonerated him of any knowledge of legislative corruption.

Edward Hines, the millionaire lumberman, referred to in the investigation as "the man who put Lorimer over," also got a vindication by the committee. It had been charged that Hines raised a corruption fund of \$100,000 to elect Lorimer to the senate. The majority repudiated that and passed a resolution that the evidence had shown that he did not raise or contribute any sum improperly.

The majority held that no new evidence had been adduced to justify a reversal of the senate's previous action in Senator Lorimer's favor; that there was no evidence of a jackpot in the Illinois general assembly of 1909 in connection with his election, and finally that no corrupt practices had been shown by the investigation.

Will Come Up Next Week.

The case will be squarely before the senate probably next week, when a protracted debate will begin. Neither side has made a thorough canvass of the situation. Republican leaders point out that there will be about twenty-seven new senators to vote on the case, in addition to those who have already voted on substantially the same charges.

The committee's action was the plea raised by Lorimer's counsel that the previous action of the senate bars reconsideration.

The majority report on the main proposition will be signed by Senators Dillingham, Gamble, Fletcher, Johnston and Jones, and the minority by Senators Kenyon, Kern and Lea.

Senator Jones was against Senator Lorimer on the first investigation. He reversed his position and presented three of the leading resolutions to exonerate Lorimer.

Views of Minority.

The contention of the minority members will be that the senate passed upon the question of the former's adjudication when it ordered the present investigation, and that if res adjudicata were to prevail it should have been before a second exhaustive investigation at a cost of \$50,000 was begun. They contend that the new investigation was ordered largely because the former committee had not made a full investigation and the country demanded all the facts.

Their viewpoint is that the new investigation has developed much pertinent to Lorimer's election which the old committee failed to discover; that doubts as to the correctness of State Senator Holstlaw's confession have been dispelled; that State's Attorney Wayman of Chicago has clearly refuted the claim that coercion was used to extort confessions, and that Representative White's confession was corroborated in many particulars. They claim that the res adjudicata plea is a lawyer's subterfuge to begot the real issue.

FIND SEED CORN POOR

Bureau of Plant Industry Tests Samples From Over Whole Country.

Washington, March 29.—Because of the poor corn crop last year, the bureau of plant industry of the department of agriculture, has tested samples from all over the country and found a very low average of germination. Dr. B. T. Galloway, chief of the bureau, advises the farmers of the country to be particularly careful about their planting this spring.

"We tested nearly 2,000 samples," he said, "and found that the average germination was only 81 per cent, whereas it should have been 90; and the average of germination was lowest in the large corn growing states."

"I advise the farmers to plant the best seed they can get. They should use selected corn on the cob, each ear of which has been tested for germination; and if they have to use shelled corn, should test it and plant enough, depending on the percentage of germination to insure a good stand."

Claude Allen Surrenders.

Hillsville, Va., March 29.—Starving, sleepless and fatigued, Claude Swanson Allen came out of the Laurel thicket in the Blue Ridge, pointed two six-shooters toward the sky and gave himself up to the posse which for nearly two weeks has hunted him.

Killed Under Cars.

Sanborn, Ia., March 29.—Robert McGrannahan, aged twenty-two, was killed in the Northwestern yards at Sanborn, Ia. He fell under a car while making a coupling. Eight wheels passed over his body.

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