

NEBRASKA LAND GRAB UNEARTHED BY TAFT

SEVERAL WESTERN NEBRASKA RANCHMEN ARE INDICTED. KINKAIDERS WERE DRIVEN OFF. NEW SETTLERS' LIVES THREATENED BY RANCHMEN. ONE RAILOADED TO ASYLUM.

One of the Most Remarkable Attempts at Land Grabbing Ever Unearthed is Discovered Following Letter Written by Settler to Taft.

Omaha, Nov. 3.—Indictments returned by the federal grand jury Wednesday against several ranchmen of western Nebraska, were made public today. The indictments charge conspiracy to drive from their claims at the points of guns homesteaders who took sections of semi-arid lands under the Kinkaid homestead law by the defendants.

Those indicted are: Perry S. Yeast of Hyannis, Neb.; his son, Frank W. Yeast, Leslie E. Ballinger, M. C. Hubbel, Emil Anderson, Willmot Zimmers, Harry Sutton, Boone B. Hawthorne and Harry H. Huff.

Threatened Settlers' Lives. The indictment charges that a band of thirty persons, headed by Yeast, went to the homes of many of the homesteaders, among them C. J. Davalisher, George Carpenter, Golba D. Graves, George Babecek, Henry S. Coulson and others, and by intimidation and threats of taking their lives and those of their families, forced them to leave their claims.

The specific case of Davalisher is mentioned in detail. It is charged that Yeast and the other defendants, accompanied by a band of cowboys, visited Davalisher's home and after threatening himself and family with death if they did not leave the country, destroyed his home, broke up his machinery, cut his harness to pieces and in other ways mistreated him. Later, according to the indictment, Davalisher declared that if the men returned he would meet them with a gun. Yeast, it is charged, because of this remark swore out a warrant for Davalisher and had him brought into court. When the judge declined to do more than put Davalisher under bonds to keep the peace, the indictment states Yeast conspired with members of the county insanity board and secured Davalisher's incarceration in the asylum.

Railroaded Him to Asylum. This latter act, according to the indictment, was committed in a high handed manner. On announcement of the court that Davalisher had committed no act which would justify a jail sentence, Yeast and his attorney secured the presence of the insanity commissioners who, it is alleged, went through a mock examination, declared Davalisher insane and issued a warrant for his arrest. This was served on the spot and within an hour he was rushed off to the asylum without being permitted to have the advice of counsel or secure a hearing.

Dr. Huff, a prominent physician, and Sutton, county attorney of Garden county, are members of the insanity board. Yeast, one of the largest ranch owners in the state, was convicted two years ago of fraudulently securing title to homestead land and paid a fine and served a jail sentence.

A Rough Frontier Condition. There are four counts in the indictments and the specific overt acts mention indicate an unusual frontier condition. According to the charges made in the indictment, Yeast and his associates carried their efforts so far as to secure the incarceration in the insane asylum at Hastings, Neb., of one of their alleged victims.

When the Kinkaid homestead law was passed many persons went to Grant, Banner, Garden and Cherry and other western Nebraska counties and took sections. The land is in the sandhill country but contains many fertile valleys. The homesteaders generally lived in tents and depended on the valley land for their living. Several big ranchers, among them Yeast and his associates, have heretofore depended on this valley land for their hay for winter feeding and the settling of homesteaders was resisted.

Davalisher's case was brought to the attention of the superintendent of the institution who was not there when Davalisher arrived. That official, however, in looking over the commitment papers became suspicious and called in an expert and conducted an examination in the case. He at once decided Davalisher was not insane and advised the latter to institute habeas corpus proceedings. This was done and asylum officials appeared in Davalisher's behalf, his release following a short time ago.

Taft Causes Investigation. According to an official of the interior department the present indictment covers one of the most remarkable attempts at land grabbing which has re-

cently been brought to the attention of the department. A letter written by one of the victims to President Taft is said to have caused the investigation which resulted in the indictments being returned. Special Agent Harry B. Durham and William Neff have been working on the cases for several months. A special grand jury was summoned to consider the evidence.

GET \$4,000 FROM IOWA BANK

Yeggmen Dynamite Safe in Bank at Bancroft, Ia. Des Moines, Nov. 3.—Robbers dynamited the safe in the Farmers and Traders bank at Bancroft, Ia., during the night and escaped with \$4,000. The robbery was not discovered until this morning.

DES MOINES MEN ARRESTED

Pair of Them, Reaching New York With Brides, Are Jailed. New York, Nov. 3.—Peter O. McMartin and William K. Adolph, both of Des Moines, Ia., were arrested last night on their arrival from Chicago, accompanied by their brides, and were arraigned in court today and held in \$5,000 bail each for examination on Saturday. The two men are charged with passing a worthless check and were arrested on receipt of a telegram from the chief of detectives of Des Moines. The men, who denied the charge, were committed in default of bail. The brides of the prisoners were in court.

Des Moines, Nov. 3.—After a conference with Judge C. C. Cole, formerly of the Iowa supreme court, grandfather of Peter McMartin, charges of obtaining money by false pretenses filed against McMartin and Adolph, under arrest in New York, were withdrawn here today. Chief of Detectives Johnston wired the police at New York to release the men.

DAKOTA MAN CREMATED

Huron Man Burns to Death in a Pullman Car in Texas. El Paso, Tex., Nov. 3.—The Pullman car Seura, attached to Rock Island train which left Delhart, Tex., last night, was burned today while the train was nearing Teahora and one passenger was burned to death. His ticket showed him to be H. L. Travess, Huron, S. D., who boarded the train at Tucumcari, N. M. It is believed a gas explosion caused the fire.

NO AUTOMOBILES THERE.

State Law Keeping Cars From Bar Harbor, Me., is Constitutional. Augusta, Me., Nov. 3.—Bar Harbor will continue to get along without motor cars. In the supreme court today Justice William P. Whitehouse, in a rescript, declared the so-called Bar Harbor automobile exclusion bill passed by the legislature last year to be constitutional. The bill had the support of many New York, Boston and Philadelphia people who have summer homes at Bar Harbor but was opposed by some of the permanent residents.

MULLEN AND JUNKIN CLASH.

Latter Says Mortensen's Name Shall Go on Ballot. Lincoln, Nov. 3.—Secretary of State Junkin and Arthur Mullen, attorney general, have had their first clash, and it came over the first opinion of the new attorney general. He said the name of Mr. Mortensen should not go on the ballot as a candidate for railway commissioner to fill vacancy. Mr. Junkin says the name shall go on the ballot. So he sent a letter to the county clerk insisting that Mortensen's name be placed on the ballot.

ARRESTS MADE IN SPAIN.

Those Charged With Trying to Stir up Revolution, Are Taken. Madrid, Nov. 3.—The republicans made an attempt to win over the garrison at Badajoz to the side of the revolutionary movement. Mayor Santos, a republican, who asked an officer of the garrison to join in the conspiracy, has been arrested.

Senor Blasquez, president of the Federation of Young Socialists, has been placed under arrest for anti-military speeches which he made at a mass meeting held to protest against the arrest of Professor Lvejero, of Madrid university, who has been identified with the anti-military campaign. Negotiations have been initiated with the German government looking to a visit of Emperor William to Madrid in 1911.

FARMER IS SHOT DOWN

COLD BLOODED MURDER BY A NORTH NEBRASKA WOMAN.

TRAGEDY ON COLERIDGE FARM

Crazed by Jealousy, Maggie Davis Goes to the Farm of Ira Churchill, Who Recently Married Another Woman, and Shot Him Four Times.

Coleridge, Neb., Nov. 3.—Crazed with jealousy, Maggie Davis shot and almost instantly killed Ira Churchill, aged 28 years, a farmer living five miles east of this place, at 8 o'clock last night, while he was milking a cow in his barn. Four shots were fired by the woman, three entering the head of her victim and one in the left breast.

For the last three years Maggie Davis has been working for Churchill as his housekeeper, and according to the woman he had promised to marry her. About four months ago Churchill left for the southern part of the state and when he returned he brought with him a bride. Mrs. Davis secured work within three-quarters of a mile of Churchill's place, and had been seen talking to the man in Coleridge many times since. On two occasions high words were used by the woman.

Finds An Old Revolver. The Davis woman is married to a man in Louisville, Ky., and has been visiting him for the last month. She returned early last evening. Going to the house of her present employer she looked through the place and found an old .38-calibre revolver. About 7 o'clock she left the house and wandered out to the cornfield. That was the last seen of her until she was captured last night as she was going back to her house.

Churchill was sitting in the barn of his place milking a cow when the woman entered. Drawing a gun and without saying a word she fired at him. Hearing the shot, Mrs. Churchill ran out to find her husband lying on the floor covered with blood and the woman standing over him with the smoking gun in her hand. Casting an ugly look at the wife of the man whom she had just shot, Mrs. Davis left the place, carrying the gun with her.

Dies in Wife's Arms. Holding her dying husband in her arms, Mrs. Churchill listened to him gasp out inarticulate sounds until at last he fell dead in her lap. Mrs. Churchill then fainted and was later found by a stranger, whose name could not be learned. He had been attracted by the firing of the four shots. Bringing the wife of the murdered man to consciousness, the stranger learned the circumstances of the shooting and, hitching up one of the horses in the barn to a carriage, drove to this place and reported the killing over the phone to the sheriff at Hartington.

CALLS ROOSEVELT LIAR

John A. Dix Says T. R. Has Tied up With Hearst, Former Foe.

New York, Nov. 3.—John A. Dix, democratic nominee for governor, made his first public address last night at a meeting at Carnegie hall, which also served as the occasion for Mayor Gaynor's announcement of his support of the ticket. The mayor's voice still being weak, this came in a form of a letter to Herman Ridder, who presided. Mr. Dix devoted the greater part of his speech to a denunciation of Theodore Roosevelt. He charged the former president with willful falsehood in repeating the accusation for which Mr. Dix in his Buffalo speech demanded an apology. He declared that Colonel Roosevelt, "because of what he deems to be his political necessity of the hour, shook hands and made a political alliance" with William R. Hearst, whom four years ago Roosevelt had "publicly branded as responsible for the assassin's bullet which made him president."

HOW MAINE WAS BLOWN UP.

Mine Exploded by a Cuban to Bring About American Intervention. Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 3.—Lecturing at St. George's church here, Colonel Jasper Ewing Brady, one of the four officers sent by the government to investigate the sinking of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor, February 14, 1898, declared the mine which destroyed the battleship was placed by the Cubans in order to bring war with Spain and the deliverance of Cuba.

Winner Wins Out.

The name of Winner will be left on the Tripp county ballot as candidate for county seat of Tripp county, and there will be a blank line underneath for the names of other towns to be written in. The election to the jurisdiction of Judge Tripp's court at Yankton was sustained yesterday in the injunction suit brought by Colome and Lamro to prevent Winner's name from being on the ballot. Ballots with names of no town on as candidate have already been distributed by the county auditor, J. J. Halligan. Commissioners John Weaver and Ed Colombe passed through Norfolk Thursday enroute home from Yankton.

LIFE'S DISAPPOINTMENTS



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REALIZATION

MAY STRIKE IN OTHER CITIES

CHICAGO TAILORS SAID TO BE SENDING OUT WORK.

SO STRIKE ORDER MAY SPREAD

If the Report is Found to Be True That Work is Being Sent to New York, Philadelphia and Cincinnati, Walkouts Will Be Ordered There.

Chicago, Nov. 3.—President Noren of the Chicago council of the United Garment Workers of America, stated today that he had reason to believe that Chicago tailors, against whom there is a strike, are sending garments to the shops of New York, Philadelphia and Cincinnati to be made up.

"We are investigating this matter," said Mr. Noren, "and if the report is true, Thomas A. Riekert, president of the national council of the organization, will call strikes in the cities named, provided the local trouble is unsettled."

Number of Police Doubled. The number of police reserved for riot duty in the garment workers' strike was doubled today, owing to the turbulence of yesterday.

"The strikers seem to be gaining at every hand," said Inspector Healey, "and we have found it a great task to send enough policemen to handle the mobs. The method of the strikers is a clever one and we have found it impossible to prevent pickets from getting into the shops which, in my district, have already lost two-thirds of their employees."

In Inspector Healey's district 115 policemen were ordered on guard duty at the shops, while 200 more were held in reserve at the stations.

STRIKE CONFERENCE TODAY

Prospects Seem Bright for Settlement of Express Trouble.

New York, Nov. 3.—The movement for a settlement of the strike of express company drivers and helpers which has practically tied up express business in and around New York City for a week, took a definite form today. Representatives of the company will meet representatives of the men this afternoon. Each side will enter the conference to concede something, and prospects for a settlement possibly before tonight look bright.

Pending the result of the meeting no developments were looked for in the arbitration proposition made by the men through the National Civic Federation and Mayor Gaynor.

Hearst Speaks, Ceiling Falls.

New York, Nov. 3.—While William R. Hearst was addressing an independence league meeting last night, a portion of the hall ceiling crashed down on the heads of some of his audience. Mr. Hearst paused until there was quiet and order again. A woman who did not give her name was slightly cut on the head by the falling material. Mr. Hearst's speech was continued principally to an attack on John A. Dix, democratic candidate for governor.

Fatal Wreck in Dakota.

Aberdeen, E. D., Nov. 3.—At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon the engine on the Milwaukee passenger train running from Eureka to Rescoe jumped the track near Hosmer, seven miles north of Rescoe. Fireman Clyde R. Shipley, aged 33, was thrown beneath the baggage car and instantly killed. William Aggar, the engineer, received hurts which will cause his death. The passengers escaped unhurt.

QUIET NOW AT PEORIA.

Assault of Teacher is in Jail, Law Will Take Course.

Peoria, Ill., Nov. 3.—Quiet prevails at the county jail where Joseph Hoffman, the man who assaulted Miss Mazo Clark, a school teacher, late Tuesday afternoon, is imprisoned. The excitement about the city has dwindled down and the law will take its course.

State's Attorney Sholes has secured strong evidence and fortified himself against any defense which may be brought up tending to either "insanity" or "degeneracy." With Assistant Pratt he visited the scene of the crime and found it to be one of the most isolated spots in this county. Nicholas Hoffman, sr., father of Joseph Hoffman, feels the disgrace brought to his family keenly and has refused to furnish bail. Repeated requests for counsel by the young man have also been ignored up to this time. The trial will come up in about three weeks.

ROOSEVELT RESTS HIS THROAT

Exhausting Campaign Tour Has Been Tremendous Strain on Him.

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 3.—After his exhausting campaign trips, which have been a severe strain upon him, Theodore Roosevelt had a day of rest today as he traveled westward on his way to Iowa, where he is to speak tomorrow for Charles Grik, republican candidate for congress.

Colonel Roosevelt was glad to have an opportunity to rest his throat, which has been in bad condition for several days. He passed through Pittsburg early today on the train which he boarded at Baltimore last night and is due at Chicago at 8:45. Mr. Grik is to meet Mr. Roosevelt in Chicago and take him to Davenport, leaving Chicago at 10 o'clock in a special car.

Colonel Roosevelt is scheduled to make speeches in Davenport, Iowa City, West Liberty, Marengo and Des Moines. Then he will return to New York, making several speeches on his way across Ohio.

OVER THE SEA BY AEROPLANE

New Test is to Be Made Saturday to Demonstrate Feasibility.

New York, Nov. 3.—It was announced that J. A. D. McCurdy of Glenn H. Curtiss's staff, will attempt to fly by aeroplane from the deck of a vessel fifty miles at sea to a point on Manhattan Island next Saturday. The Kaiserling Augusta Victoria of the Hamburg-American line sails at 10 a. m. Saturday and will carry McCurdy and his Curtiss biplane.

The test, the first of its kind, will be observed by a party of navy and army officers and a flotilla of torpedo boats will patrol the course. The aeroplane will be launched from a platform 100 feet in length, built on the forward deck of the ship under the personal direction of Mr. Curtiss, who is confident of the success of the experiment. The test is to demonstrate the feasibility of equipping the new liner Europa, the largest ship in the world, now under construction, with a regular aeroplane service for transferring mail at sea.

Boats are Released.

Detroit, Nov. 3.—The naval training ship Gopher of Minnesota which ran aground Monday night off the head of Belle Isle, was released. The training ship Essex of Ohio was also reported aground off the Toledo yacht club. It is thought a strong northeast wind will release her.

Conger's Son Arrested.

Denver, Colo., Nov. 3.—B. P. Conger of Detroit, son of the head of the United States war bureau stationed here, was placed under arrest here charged with forgery and working a confidence game.

MARTIAL LAW IN HONDURAS

UNCLE SAM HAS GUNBOAT THERE TO TAKE A HAND.

MAY SEND SOLDIERS ASHORE

American Interests Will Be Protected and It Would Not Be Surprising if the Leader of the Revolution Should Be Arrested by Americans.

Washington, Nov. 3.—Martial law has been declared in Honduras as a direct result of the revolt of General Jose Vallejo, the Spanish-born commandant of Amapala, against the government, according to cable advices to the state department today from Minister McCreery at Tegucigalpa. The port of Amapala has been closed and the island is in a state of siege.

The United States gunboat Princeton is in the harbor at Amapala ready to take a hand in the revolution at the first sign of hostility towards foreigners or their interests. President Divala is preparing to send an armed force against Valladarez and in the event of the government's failure to restore order on the island the United States probably will be asked to interfere.

It would not be surprising if Commander Hayes of the Princeton, under instructions from the state department, should send an armed force ashore at any time to take Valladarez into custody. However, department officials refuse to discuss the possibility of this beyond asserting that American interests will be properly safeguarded.

Commander Hayes telegraphed the department today as follows: "The commandant of Amapala has informed the foreign consuls that he has no intention of injuring foreign subjects or foreign property there. There is no disorder at present."

"Little faith is put in Valladarez's promises by the officials of the United States government and the Princeton has instructions sufficiently liberal to permit her commander to meet any situation that arises. While there are few Americans at Amapala, considerable American property passes through that port. One American concern, the Rosario Mining company, whose gold and silver mines are located 125 miles inland, has exports and imports valued at more than one million dollars passing annually through Amapala.

Two Lynch Men Wed.

Madison, Neb., Nov. 3.—Special to The News: County Judge Bates is issued marriage licenses to Marion Calvin of Lynch, Neb., and Miss Bees Abigail Johnson of Battle Creek. Miss Johnson is a daughter of Custodian Johnson of the county poor farm.

Also to Frederick B. Wallace of Lynch and Miss Ida L. Hanson of Verdell, Neb.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-four Hours. Forecast for Nebraska.

Table with 2 columns: Temperature and Forecast for Nebraska. Values include Maximum 52, Minimum 23, Average 37, Barometer 29.94.

LAST DAY OF SESSION

STATE CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE AT AN END.

DAHLMAN RESOLUTIONS REVISED

The Form of Resolutions Brought In During the Morning Session Attracting the Democratic Candidate, Were Considered Too Strong.

Joint committees were appointed by executive committees of both the State Congregational conference and the Nebraska Home Missionary society yesterday afternoon to take the first step toward consolidation of these two bodies. The committees will report at the next meeting and it is believed their reports will be favorable. This is the first meeting held under the new constitution adopted one year ago with a view of this consolidation.

Rev. M. A. Bullock of Lincoln, who was elected moderator of the conference Tuesday morning, was elected president of the Nebraska Home Missionary society at their annual meeting in the Congregational church yesterday afternoon. The other officers elected follow: Treasurer, Rev. S. I. Hanford, Lincoln; auditor, S. A. Sanderson, Lincoln; board of directors, Rev. J. H. Andrews, Weeping Water; Rev. J. J. Klopp, Stanton; Rev. V. F. Clark, Ashland. National society for three years, C. C. Smith, Exeter; Rev. W. S. Hampton, Omaha. Nominations for directors for the national society, Rev. E. T. Rouse, Omaha; Hon. George L. Loomis, Fremont.

Superintendent S. I. Hanford of Lincoln was re-elected superintendent of the Home Missionary society. The superintendent's report was an interesting one. It took in the entire work of the state, which he declared at this time was very encouraging. Eighty-one churches of the state are now self supporting, while eighty-two are on the honor roll for raising apportionments for the work. The remainder are not self supporting and must be aided by the Home Missionary society. In all there are 201 churches. There are three workers under the supervision of Superintendent Hanford, all of whom are successful in their work. They are: Rev. N. L. Packard of Lincoln, Pastor at Large of the First Congregational Church, Aurora.

Other reports were tendered by Secretary J. H. Andrews, Treasurer S. I. Hanford, J. S. Dick, pastor at large; Rev. N. L. Packard, Mrs. C. A. Jaquith and Rev. W. D. King. Discussions were led by W. H. Russell and P. H. Chickering.

After the election of officers (the meeting adjourned and President Davis of the Chicago Theological seminary took his class to a corner of the church where some heated and interesting discussions in this work occupied the major part of the time until near 6 o'clock, when the Brotherhood of the Congregational church banqueted the men in the church, and the ladies of the church entertained the lady visitors at a banquet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Davenport.

Out of the 100 Congregational ministers of this state but one died this year—the late Rev. H. A. French of Lincoln.

Among the out-of-town ministers and delegates to the fifty-fourth annual assembly of the Nebraska Congregational conference here are: H. Bross, Wahoo; S. I. Hanford, Lincoln; J. D. Stewart, Aurora; M. A. Bullock, Lincoln; N. L. Packard, Lincoln; V. F. Clark, Ashland; F. T. Rouse, Omaha; A. C. Townsend, Albion; R. Jones, Spencer, Edwin Booth, Jr., Norfolk; H. J. Senley, Leigh; H. J. Andrews, Weeping Water; N. H. Hawkins, Comstock; F. D. Reeves, Aurora; G. A. Conard, Norfolk; E. Crossman, Kansas; C. D. Gearhart, Burwell; W. S. Hampton, Omaha; H. C. Halberstam, Petersburg; D. B. Perry, Crete; W. L. Dibble, Columbus; J. M. Kojker, Avoca; J. W. Cowan, Crete; S. A. Martin, Doniphan; J. J. Parker, Geneva; C. H. Rogers, Lincoln; J. P. Clyde, Omaha; S. H. Buell, Grand Island; Thomas Evans, Arcadia; G. W. Dungan, Waverly; J. B. Burkhardt, Bloomfield; G. W. Mitchell, Chadron; H. C. Van Valkenburg, Ainsworth; O. W. Renner, Linwood; R. C. Moodie, Wisner; Isaac McRae, Clay Center; W. D. King, Aurora; Mrs. Mary A. Heiser, Park church, Elgin; William Ellwood, Fairmont; Paul Burkhardt, Norfolk; D. G. Wilder, Hastings; C. J. Rives, Clark; G. B. Hawkes, Sutton; B. E. Marsh, Omaha; T. M. Shipper, Lincoln; A. E. Bashford, Boomer; J. J. Klopp, Stanton. Corresponding members: J. W. Ferner, William Richards, J. A. Jenkins, S. J. Beach, Mrs. M. E. Perkins, J. M. Hinds, B. A. Warren, G. W. Gallagher, O. S. Davis, D. D. W. A. Rice, D. D. Lay delegates: John A. Price, O. M. Needham, Mrs. Cora E. Walters, Albion; P. C. Culver, Mrs. M. T. Wildish, Mrs. W. D. King, Miss Zella Wertz, Aurora; Mrs. C. D. Gearhart, Burwell; William Vanderfecht, Bladen; Mrs. F. A. Miller, Beatrice; Prof. J. E. Taylor, Crete; Mrs. Mary Milner, Crofton; Mrs. W. L. Dibble, H. E. Babecek, Columbus; Mrs. H. L. Weaver, Miss Rotta E. Racy, Center; Mrs. J. B. Foster, Mrs. Edith Patterson, Clark; Mrs. O. H. Wertz, Mrs. W. A. Warner, Crofton; J. Patterson. (Continued on eighth page.)